



Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Economic & Community Development Committee

Trustee Peter Breen, Chairperson
Trustee Keith Giagnorio, Alternate Chairperson
Dennis McNicholas, Matthew Phillips, Garrick Nielsen,
Jodee Baker, Matthew Pike, Joe Glazier, Jr.,
Brenda Gannon and Angel Camacho
Student Member Jolie-Grace Wareham
Staff Liaison: William Heniff

Monday, December 12, 2011

8:15 PM

Village Hall Community Room

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Breen called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Chairperson Breen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 9 - Trustee Peter Breen, Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Jodee Baker, Brenda Gannon, Matthew Pike, Matthew Phillips, Jolie-Grace Wareham, and Angel Camacho

Absent 1 - Joe Glazier Jr.

Also present: William Heniff, AICP, Director of Community Development; Christopher Stilling, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development; Karen Stonehouse, AICP, Executive Director of Lombard Town Centre (LTC); and Dan Whittington, President of LTC.

3.0 Public Participation

There were several members in the audience present to discuss the LTC funding.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Pike and seconded by Baker the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved by the members present with the following correction:

On page 5, paragraph 6, strike the second sentence.

5.0 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

6.0 New Business

Chairperson Breen opened the discussion on this item saying that it was continued from the November meeting. He asked for a motion to open the debate on the matter.

110623

Lombard Town Centre 2012 Funding

Request to review, discuss and provide a recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees relative to Lombard Town Centre's request for 2012 funding.

A motion was made by Matthew Phillips and seconded by Dennis McNicholas to approve LTC funding in an amount not to exceed \$38,500 for 2012.

Trustee Breen then asked for comments from the members.

Ms. Gannon asked if the LTC can use their fundraising dollars to help pay for a full time Executive Director (ED). Mr. Whittington stated yes, however right now, they use their fundraising dollars to pay for rent, utilities and other expenses. The \$38,500 they are asking for will pay for the ED's salary, taxes and bonus.

Mr. McNicholas asked if the motion was for funding the LTC for 3 years or just 1 year. Trustee Breen said that the motion was for only 1 year and that the 3 year discussion was only for the budgeting exercise.

Ms. Baker asked if the ECDC can consider full time funding request of \$53,000. She said that having the position full time will make a difference for the downtown. She asked if they can vote on that first.

Trustee Breen followed up by stating that the money put towards the LTC was the best return on the investment for the Village. In response to Ms. Baker's question about voting on full time funding, Trustee Breen said that the current motion for part time funding must be amended if the ECDC were to vote on the full time funding. Therefore he said that a motion and a second needs to be made to amend the first motion to recommend approval for full time funding.

A motion was made by Jodee Baker, seconded by Matthew Pike to amend the original motion to increase the LTC funding to \$53,000 for 2012.

Trustee Breen then opened the floor for discussion.

Ms. Baker stated that Karen Stonehouse has shown her abilities and needs to be full time to achieve the goals for downtown.

Ms. Wareham said she agrees with Ms. Baker and stated that they she recently met with Karen Stonehouse to talk about what can be done downtown for younger kids. She also said that the LTC is very valuable to the downtown.

Mr. Phillips said that he also would like to see a full time ED; however he said that additional dollars spent towards a full time position should come from fundraising because of the limited TIF funds.

Ms. Gannon asked for a brief history on the past funding approvals. Mr. McNicholas provided some history and stated that when the LTC was created, the Village provided the first 3 years of funding (\$75,000/year) with the idea that the LTC would be self-sufficient; however the economy may have impacted some of their success. Trustee Breen also said that the expectations may have also been unrealistic.

Mr. Whittington followed up by stating that the Main Street program does note that some municipal funding is necessary. He then said it is not realistic to expect them to be self-sufficient. Mr. McNicholas noted that while the TIF funds might be diminishing, an improvement in the economy might help make the LTC more successful.

Trustee Breen noted that there was a motion and second to amend the first motion to increase the LTC funding to \$53,000 for 2012. He requested a vote.

A motion was made by Jodee Baker, seconded by Matthew Pike, to amend the original motion to increase LTC funding to \$53,000 for 2012. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Jodee Baker, and Matthew Pike

Nay: 6 - Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Brenda Gannon, Joe Glazier Jr., Matthew Phillips, and Angel Camacho

Trustee Breen stated that since the amendment failed, he is asking the members to vote on the first motion which was to recommend approval to the Village to fund the LTC in the amount of \$38,500 for 2012.

A motion was made by Brenda Gannon, seconded by Dennis McNicholas, that the request to fund the LTC in the amount of \$38,500 for 2012 be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Dennis McNicholas, Garrick Nielsen, Jodee Baker, Brenda Gannon, Matthew Pike, Matthew Phillips, and Angel Camacho

Absent: 1 - Joe Glazier Jr.

Trustee Breen also wanted to recognize members in the audience. All members acknowledged that they were there in support of the LTC funding.

110719

January, 2012 Meeting Date

Request to reschedule the January, 2012 meeting date.

Mr. Heniff stated that as a result of conflicts due to the Village's budget calendar, the next ECDC meeting would have to be rescheduled. After some discussion amongst the members, it was decided that the meeting would be moved to Wednesday, January 4, 2012. It was also noted that Mr. Pike would not be able to attend that meeting.

7.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

8.0 Information Only

LTC Report

Karen Stonehouse provided the ECDC with an update of some of their recent

activities. She referenced a new photography business at 5 S Park. She also said that she has a few tenants interested in 21-23 W St. Charles. It was also noted that a new marketing firm is locating in the space at 106 W St Charles.

9.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.