

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

April 17, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission called to order at 5:30 p.m. on April 17, 2019 by Commissioner Nat Rosasco.

**PRESENT:** Nat Rosasco, Ghada Fahmy and Tony Oddo.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Economic Development Director Jan Fiola and Trustee Nick Cuzzone.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for March 20, 2019 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Ghada Fahmy. The motion passed with all ayes.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

New projects still include way to promote the new website "Yes Villa Park", as it continues to get visibility. The commission agrees a saying or a phrase would assist in drawing attention to the site. The possibility of advertising on a billboard does exist, however material needs to be designed for the advertisement. Suggested building a "questionnaire" format with the answers always being "Yes Villa Park". Also

With the assistance of Commissioners Fahmy and Rosasco, the Islamic Foundation School inserted an advertisement for the website on their flyer for their April fundraiser. This flyer was distributed to approximately 400 people.

Director Fiola updated the commission on various projects and new businesses. The two new businesses on Villa are slowly coming along; the beverage depot is expected to open in May and renovations are now moving at a faster pace. The Kenilworth Townhomes has been working with various entities to get construction underway. New developers continue to contact the village for the available property on North Avenue. Bulldogs is currently under renovations and the two new businesses in North Park Plaza, D-Bats and Kids Emporium are near completion.

She also informed the commission that DuPage County has verbally approved a walkway from the Prairie Path to Villa Ave.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner, Ghada Fahmy. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha