

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

December 18, 2019

The meeting of the Economic Development Commission was called to order at 5:33 p.m. on December 18, 2019 by Commissioner Larry Calvert.

**PRESENT:** Larry Calvert, Tony Oddo and Ghada Fahmy.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Economic Development Director Patrick Burke, Trustee Nick Cuzzone, Trustee Wagner and Trustee Christine Murphy.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The minutes for the Economic Development Commission for November 20, 2019 were approved. Motion to accept the minutes made by Commissioner Tony Oddo and seconded by Commissioner Larry Calvert and passed with all ayes.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Discussion began with the "Yes Villa Park" web-site and the final design for the window decals. A few changes will be made and submitted to the printer for quotes.

Director Burke presented the commission with a new pilot program for 2020 which was approved by the village board. There will be funds available for the Ardmore Business District to use for both interior and exterior improvements. Funds per project are limited to \$10,000. Owners will need to submit applications for approval, along with paid receipts. It was agreed that the commission will review each application and submit their responses. Final approval will come from the Village Administration. This program was developed due to increased requests from new and old building owners in the area.

Vasa Fitness is scheduled to come to Villa Park Plaza next year, along with 302 on Tap located on St. Charles Road.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Trustee Wagner spoke about his concerns regarding the Liquor Licenses and would like to see if the commission could come up with ways to streamline or make recommendations to control the amount of licenses issued. Trustee Murphy also is concerned about the number of liquor licenses and the amount of gaming in the Village. She would also like to see some changes on what type and where new businesses are being located.

Trustee Wagner announced there is an upcoming seminar presented by C-PACE Funding on making commercial property more energy efficient. It will also cover what funding is available. This program will also apply to new construction. The seminar is free but reservations are required.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Fahmy took a quick look to see what Vasa Fitness was and she is excited to see a different workout place coming to North Ave.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Ghada Fahmy and seconded by Commissioner, Larry Calvert. The motion passed with all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pat Boksha