

**ROMEORVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**September 15, 2016**

**Village of Romeoville  
Executive Session Room  
1050 W. Romeo Road  
Romeoville, IL 60446**

**8 am**

**Voting Members Present**

Rick DiPego            Steve Caton  
Linda Sanfilippo     Nancy Baldwin  
Diane Nowacyk       Laurie Gilbert  
Mark Link

**Voting Members Absent**

Gigi Cohen            John Kochan  
Paul Binks            Chris Lawson  
Brian Andersen      Tom White

**Ad-Hoc Members Present**

Jim Bourdouris

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Dawn Caldwell, Asst. Village Manager  
Steve Gulden, Village Manager  
Steve Rockwell, Co. Dev. Director  
Josh Potter, Asst. Com. Dev. Director  
Trustee Ken Griffin, Village Liaison

**Non-Voting Members Absent**

Mayor John Noak  
Derek Kinder

**Welcome/Quorum**

EDC Chairman Rick DiPego called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. Mr. DiPego thanked everyone for attending. A quorum was present for the meeting. Chairman DiPego noted that long time EDC member Marty Hanley has submitted his resignation to the Mayor due to other business commitments.

A copy of his letter is attached to the original minutes. DiPego noted that Marty was a very productive EDC member and will be greatly missed. The Village Board will honor him with a plaque at the Village Board meeting on October 5, 2016 at 6 pm. EDC members are encouraged to attend.

Laurie Gilbert also announced that she is taking an early retirement from McDonald's effective November 1, 2016 and will also be submitting her resignation from the

EDC. Village Manager Steve Gulden asked if Laurie would continue to be on the EDC commission until the master plan has been completed. He has set the goal for the Master Plan to be completed around December 1st. Laurie stated she would stay on the commission until that happened.

Due to the prompting of Chairman DiPego, Jim Boudouris announced he is a republican candidate for Will County Board – District 3 in November. He has been a resident of the Romeoville area since 1960 and would like to take an active part in the local election to represent this area.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Nancy Baldwin. Laurie Gilbert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

None to approve.

#### **Master Plan Completion Update – Steve Gulden**

Steve Gulden asked if each of the 5 groups would give a report on their progress.

- Partners with Schools & Businesses for skilled Workforce  
Nancy Baldwin reported the group has met many times and has turned in a report on their goals to Dawn Caldwell. Internships have been done.
- Market the Brand. Diane Nowacyk reported the group is deciding on how to use the information we currently have. “Romeoville Alerts” is something we need to advertise and make known to area businesses. She will do a guideline summary or our next meeting.
- Attracting Visitors from Outside the Community. Mark Link stated that Laurie Gilbert drew up an outline of things they wanted to see in the Village to draw people. They are also working on a sports complex idea. They would also like to have an “Open Letter” stating all of the amenities of Romeoville for new visitors.
- Retain & Expand Existing Businesses. Linda Sanfilippo noted that we need another volunteer for this group as Marty Hanley has resigned. She, Marty and Chris have agreed that “monthly village updates” must be sent out to all the businesses in Romeoville to draw interest from within the community. Use existing successful businesses as a ‘promo’ for the Village. Dawn Caldwell

volunteered to join this group.

- Attracting Industry, Business & Resources outside of the Community. Trustee Griffin reported that a report has been turned in. The group would also like to see current businesses within Romeoville utilizing each other for their supplies. Businesses don't know who has what!

Mr. Gulden would like us to have one more 2 hour meeting on the Master Plan to discuss the final goals and objectives for these five groups. The Village will put together a summary of all of the information already given. We can add or delete any further items at this group meeting. The meeting will be on Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 11am – 1 pm. Lunch will be served. The meeting location will be at Mistwood Golf Course or McDonald's Innovations. Members will be notified of the location.

Mr. Gulden noted that once the new master plan is presented and approved by the Mayor and Village Board, the plan will be reviewed every three years by this Commission.

#### **Village Updates – Josh Potter, Steve Rockwell & Steve Gulden**

Josh Potter gave a 7 page development update. The update is attached to the minutes. Questions were asked and answered. Members asked if we could take a bus tour together at an EDC meeting to see all these sites and locations. Steve Rockwell noted we did this a few years ago and it was well received and very informative for all the members. He recommended that the tour be done in either October or November before the weather changes. Steve Gulden will make arrangements for a bus.

#### **Future Meeting Dates- Locations – Rick DiPego**

After discussion, the following dates & locations were made for future EDC meetings. It was noted that there is no regular meeting in December 2016 because of the holidays.

- New Fire Station #1 – November 17, 2016
- Amazon - January 19, 2017
- Aryzta Expansion – February 16, 2017
- New Fat Ricky's – March 16, 2017

#### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Caton and seconded by Nancy Baldwin. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman DiPego adjourned the meeting at 9: 46 am.

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Rick DiPego, Chairman

Minutes recorded by: Linda Sanfilippo, Secretary



