

ROMEOVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2018

Lewis Airport
#1 Executive Terminal – George Michas Drive
Romeoville, IL 60446

8:00 AM

Voting Members Present

Brian Phebus
Paul Binks
Linda Sanfilippo
Diane Nowaczyk
Carolyn Head

Mark Link
Chris Lawson
Rob Galick
Brandi Camp

Voting Members Absent

Steve Caton
Rick DiPego
Derek Kinder

John Kochan
Jim Bourdouris

Non-Voting Members Present

Dawn Caldwell, Asst. Village Manager
Steve Gulden - Village Manager
Josh Potter - Asst. Com. Dev. Director
Marian Gibson - Special Projects Dir. for EDC

Non-Voting Members Absent

Trustee Ken Griffin
Steve Rockwell – Dev. Dir.

Guests

Amy Murphy - JJC - Dean of Applied Arts

Welcome/Quorum

EDC Chairman Brian Phebus called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. A quorum was present for the meeting. He thanked Chris Lawson and the Lewis Airport for hosting the meeting and welcomed Amy Murphy, Dean of Applied Arts at JJC who will be making a presentation on Workforce Education & Training available at JJC.

Village Manager Steve Gulden announced that Community Development Director, Steve Rockwell, has retired from the Village after 12 years and is now looking forward to all his free time golfing. Josh Potter has been named the Interim Community Development Director.

EDC members expressed their regret at losing Mr. Rockwell to retirement but wish him well. The members have full confidence in his replacement, Josh Potter who has worked with this Commission for years. Steve Gulden also introduced Marian Gibson as the new Special Projects Director for the EDC. Mrs. Gibson once served as the Romeoville Village Manager. She was warmly welcomed the members.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mark Link. Chris Lawson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Sanfilippo, Secretary, noted a correction to the June 7, 2018 minutes. The date for the Lewis Air Show is June 10, 2018 not May 20th. A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Diane Nowaczyk and seconded by Chris Lawson. Motion carried.

JJC Presentation – Workforce Education & Training – Amy Murphy

EDC member Rob Galick, V.P. of JJ.C. Administrative Services, introduced Amy Murphy, Dean of Applied Arts, Workforce Education & Training to make the presentation. He noted that Patty Zuccarello, Dean of Career & Technology Education was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

Dean Murphy passed out boxes entitled “Create a Future” which included banners, pennants, tee-shirt, decals, brochures and pens which she encouraged to pass out at your place of employment. She also distributed a folder on the Corporate & Community Services which she discussed in detail that are available at JJ.C. The college is very active on grant writing as well. They also provide training, job fairs, job postings, advisory board positions, language classes, etc. to companies that are interested. She also discussed manufacturing career pathways available. She hoped that we would contact her or Patty for any further information that we may need. Chairman Phebus thanked her for a very informative presentation.

Sub Committee Updates

Partnering with Schools & Businesses for Skilled Workforce – Diane Nowaczyk

No report.

Market the Brand – Diane Nowaczyk

No report.

Attracting Visitors and Business from outside the Community - Brian Phebus

The Committee discussed trying to get local high schools involved in the Lewis Air Show to open interest in an aviation career for the students in conjunction with Lewis University. Chris Lawson suggested the EDC attend the Aviation Career Day sponsored by Lewis University if acceptable to Lewis. It would be nice to have an aviation career day for high school students. Brian Phebus stated this group will meet again after the close of this meeting today.

Retaining Businesses – Ken Griffin

No report.

Village Update – Steve Gulden /Josh Potter

Steve Gulden reported that the Village is proceeding with phase II expansion to add 160 parking spaces to the Metra Station. Metra has allocated approx. \$600,000 towards this

expansion. The expansion should be completed “before the snow flies”.

Josh Potter distributed and briefly reviewed the development update which was discussed at the meeting

A copy is attached to the minutes.

Future Meeting Dates & Locations – Brian Phebus

- Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 8 am at Lewis Airport.

Carolyn Head will confirm the date and location at Lewis.

Steve Gulden suggested trying to meet at the Weather Station at Lewis in 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Mark Link to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Chris Lawson. The motion carried. Brian Phebus adjourned the meeting at 9:15 am.

Brian Phebus, Chairman

Minutes Recorded by: Linda Sanfilippo, Secretary

