



**REGULAR MEETING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, July 1, 2020  
6:00 PM  
VILLAGE HALL**

The mission of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) is to grow a stronger business climate by being an active partner with businesses, investors, and residents. The EDC shall strengthen economic development in the Village by developing business retention, expansion, and attraction programs; the creation and implementation of economic development plans and policies; being business ambassadors to the community; coordinating with other governments on projects; and submitting an annual Economic Development Position Report to the Village Board at the beginning of the fiscal year.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2020 MEETING**
- 4. UPDATE REGARDING OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM**
- 5. DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM VILLAGE CENTER STRATEGY**
- 6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Gary Grasso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually on the Microsoft Teams platform.

**ROLL CALL:** **Present:** Mayor Gary Grasso, Trustee Tony Schiappa, Leslie Bowman, Bhagwan Sharma, Mark Stangle, Paul Stettin, Sam Odeh, Debbie Hamilton, and Kirsten Jepsen

**Absent:** Ramzi Hassan and Michael Simmons

**Also Present:** Village Administrator Doug Pollock, Assistant Village Administrator Evan Walter, Communications & Public Relations Coordinator Janet Kowal, and Management Analyst Andrez Beltran

**MINUTES:** A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Schiappa to approve the Minutes from the May 6, 2020 meeting. The **MOTION** was seconded by Mr. Sharma and approved by a vote of 9-0.

**UPDATE REGARDING OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM**

Mayor Grasso asked for an update regarding the outdoor dining program in the Village. Mr. Walter said that the outdoor tents had been a resounding success to date, with all participating restaurants reporting stronger than normal per-table sales as well as overwhelmingly positive feedback being received from the community. Mr. Walter noted that some restaurants had expressed interest in keeping their tents up all summer, while others were interested in investing in either establishing or expanding an outdoor dining presence at their restaurant, such as Patti's and Falco's. Trustee Schiappa agreed with the sentiment of the restaurants and the community about the quality of the tent sites. Ms. Jepsen and Mr. Odeh reiterated Trustee Schiappa's remarks.

**CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF VILLAGE CENTER DEVELOPMENT**

Mayor Grasso asked for continued discussion of the Village Center and the future of the property, noting that he felt now was the time to re-engage TCF about their site and to determine what could go on said parcel. Mr. Walter said that it was his feeling that the Village needed to have a clearer understanding as to how all properties in the downtown would work together and complement each other before concrete development plans are drawn up. Mr. Walter said that the Village did not have enough information to make a determination as to what they should look to attract, lest they end up rejecting multiple concepts and the market would grow frustrated. Trustee Schiappa and Mr. Stangle agreed that entertainment concepts should be considered for Village Center and that the Village should focus on achieving success at the property since it is already developed. There was consensus that the Village Center should be oriented to drive use taxes to the Village. Mr. Walter said that he and Mr. Beltran had engaged Mr. Hassan in preliminary discussions about new strategies for Village Center and would bring back suggestions at future meetings which built upon the committee's direction.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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No other considerations were brought forward.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Schiappa made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting to July 1, 2020; **SECONDED** by Ms. Hamilton. **APPROVED 9-0**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "EVAN B WALTER". The letters are in all caps and have a slightly cursive, informal style.

Evan Walter  
Assistant Village Administrator