



**Economic Development Commission  
Draft Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022  
Lincolnwood Village Hall  
Council Chambers  
6900 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Lincolnwood, IL 60712**

**Commissioners Present:** Chairman James Kucienski, Vice Chair James Berger, Jennifer Spino, Tim Garcia, Maureen Ehrenberg, Leonard Weiss and Rivak Albazi

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director Scott Mangum and Management Analyst Jake Litz

**1. Call to Order/ Quorum Declaration**

Noting a quorum of seven members present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kucienski at 8:02 a.m.

The following EDC members were present: Chairman Kucienski, Vice Chair Berger, and Commissioners Ehrenberg, Garcia, Spino, Weiss and Albazi.

**2. Minutes Approval**

Chairman Kucienski asked the Commission if any edits were to be made to the February 23, 2022. Hearing none, Chairman Kucienski called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Berger moved to approve the minutes as amended and Commissioner Ehrenberg seconded the motion. There was a consensus to approve the minutes.

**Aye:** Berger, Weiss, Spino, Garcia, Ehrenberg, Albazi, Kucienski

**Nay:** None

**Motion Approved:** 7-0

**3. Discussion on Future Trip**

Community Development Director Scott Mangum overviewed the previously discussed idea for an EDC trip around the Village. He overviewed the locations listed below:

1. Village Hall
2. Touhy & Cicero
3. District 1860
4. LTC Mall
5. Devon (Whistler's)
6. Crawford & Lincoln

The intersection of Devon and Longmeadow was brought up as an additional location by Commissioner Ehrenberg. Additionally, the Devon-Lincoln TIF District was discussed as well. Discussion regarding breaking up the trip into two meetings occurred. The group agreed that the tour should be broken up with two separate meetings. The next meeting was determined to take place at the Lincolnwood Town Center and the Whistler's site. The other sites were determined to be visited at a future meeting.

#### **4. PEP/GIFT Grants**

Director Mangum stated that PEP/GIFT Grants are funded in this Fiscal Year. He overviewed the differences in the two different types of grants. He opened the idea up to the group for ideas on how to advertise the applications. The consensus of the EDC was to email all of the businesses in the Village. Further discussion occurred.

#### **5. Development Updates**

Director Mangum provided a brief update on the ongoing District 1860 project, where construction is well under way and progressing steadily. He noted that most of the work thus far has been underground with some above-ground work becoming noticeable. Discussion on the future hotel on the site occurred. Concerns were raised regarding the type and quality of hotel being brought into the development. Commissioner Ehrenberg cited concerns that this hotel may be more in the style of a residential-type development. Director Mangum stated this development was in the same style as the original agreement. Additional concerns were discussed including amenities for the hotel.

Next, Director Mangum provided an update on the Lincolnwood Town Center Development Plan. The concept plan will be presented to the Village Board in June. Once approved, the EDC will hear a presentation on the concept plan.

A discussion occurred regarding 3477 W. Touhy Avenue occurred. This pertained to an application for Cannabis Craft Grow facility. Director Mangum provided a few updates regarding the application process.

#### **6. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**7. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**8. Adjournment**

Chairman Kucienski called for a motion to recommend the approval of the budget. Commissioner Ehrenberg moved to approve the motion and Commissioner Albazi seconded the motion. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

**Aye:** Berger, Weiss, Spino, Garcia, Ehrenberg, Albazi, Kucienski

**Nay:** None

**Motion Approved:** 7-0

Respectfully submitted:

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