

**Economic Development Commission  
Wednesday, May 22, 2013  
Council Chambers Room  
Minutes**

**APPROVED**

**Commissioners Present**

Patrick McCoy  
James Kucienski, Vice-Chair  
James Persino, Chairman  
Paul Levine  
James Berger

**Commissioners Absent**

William Pabst  
Maureen Ehrenberg  
Terrance Strauch  
Kirk Moffitt

**Staff Present**

Timothy M. Clarke, Community Development Director  
Lauren Wolf, Community Development Department Coordinator  
Timothy Wiberg, Village Manager  
Aaron N. Cook, Community Development Manager  
Doug Petroschius, Assistant Village Manager

**Others Present**

Craig Klatzco, Village Trustee (Owner of Bunny Hutch)  
Mary Wilkie, Illinois Restaurant Association Director of Education

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

Noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 8:09AM by Chairman Persino.

**II. Minutes Approval**

Commissioner Kucienski motioned to approve the April 24, 2013 minutes as presented. Commissioner Levine seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

**III. Workshop Meeting Dates**

Director Clarke submitted the remaining dates in the EDC Packet to discuss. The following dates will be submitted to the Village Board for scheduling; Tuesday August 27, Tuesday September 10, Thursday September 12, and Thursday October 10, 2013.

**IV. Development Updates**

Commissioner Levine noted a typographical error in the Development Updates, on Page 2 regarding the Devon Avenue Corridor Study Kick-off Meeting, from McCormick to ~~Devon~~ Lincoln.

Development Director Clarke noted that the owner of the Purple Hotel withdrew their PUD application. Staff had been advised that North Capital Group and their partners are preparing a new site plan for the property and expect to re-file for a PUD. Development Director Clarke stated that the new plan is anticipated to be similar to the Village's vision

for the site. No specific dates have been provided to the Village for plan submittal. It was also stated that Jake Weiss will no longer be the face for the owner moving forward.

Commissioner Kucienski expressed concerns that a lot of wasted energy went into the original plan that looked unaccomplished from the start.

Village Manager Wiberg indicated that Jake Weiss was sincere in his efforts. He noted that a lot went into obtaining the property, and he did his diligence. His partners are taking over and exploring Plan B.

It was also stated that North Capital Group and its new partners are exploring acquisition of the office building to the North.

Commissioner Levine indicated North Capital Group should explore having entertainment establishments around the hotel to draw the retail in.

Community Development Director Clarke stated that North Capital Group's noted that their phone had been ringing off the hook with potential retailers since the demolition of the purple hotel property was indicated publically.

Development Director Clarke also stated that the Public Hearing on the proposed Devon/Lincoln TIF District meeting was continued to June 18, 2013. The Village Board is expected to continue it again. Joint Review Board Meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2013. Chairman Persino stated he will be out of town June 10, 2013.

#### **V. Restaurant Health Score Postings**

Assistant Village Manager Doug Petroschius presented on Restaurant Score Postings. The Village inspects food establishments in order to ensure food is prepared in a healthy manner. Each inspection is performed by a Cook County Health Inspector who develops a report which is provided to the food establishment and archived at Village Hall. Recently staff discovered that some municipalities proactively provide health inspection data to the public in order to provide consumers with additional information about where they dine and to increase compliance with health regulations. This information is often either placed on the local government website or displayed at the food establishment. Staff sought direction from the Village Board at its April 2, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting to determine if the Village should post health inspections online or onsite. At that time the Village Board referred the matter to the Economic Development Commission for consideration. Studies showed that when the scores were posted the sales went up.

Currently in Lincolnwood health inspections must receive a score of 80 or above to pass. Below 80 is technically a failing score, which requires a re-inspection to pass. Cook County typically uses a score of 70 and above as a passing score.

Commissioner McCoy explained that in New York the scoring is A, B, C, D and that is very clear to the customers. He stated this will not have a negative impact if the Village

comes up with acceptable ranges. He suggested placing the score on the website and post in the restaurant.

Ms. Mary Wilkie from the Illinois Restaurant Association expressed her concern that when a number is used on a health inspection where the public can see that number, it can be interpreted by the public that the establishment is unsafe, that is not always the case. She noted a restaurant can have a lower score because of an issue unrelated to health such as a leaky pipe in the basement. The score will then be negatively impacted, even when the food is healthy. This can have a detrimental impact to the restaurant and result in lost consumers. She noted that the City of Chicago uses a pass/fail system which works well. Ms. Wilkie would like for Lincolnwood to use a pass/fail system rather than a number score.

Commissioner Kucienski prefers a letter grade or color grade rather than a pass/fail.

After further discussion a Motion was made to recommend to the Village Board that Health Score Postings be posted in the window and Village website, and for Staff to develop a grading system. Commissioner Kucienski seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

#### **VIII. Public Forum**

Trustee Klatzco indicated the anticipated pediatrics office for the CenterPoint property is no longer interested in the site.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:32 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lauren Wolf  
Community Development Department Coordinator