

MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF CAMPTON HILLS
JANUARY 21, 2010
OLD TOWNE PUB AND EATERY
40W290 LAFOX ROAD, CAMPTON HILLS, IL

Committee Chairperson Jack Griparis called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m.

Roll call taken, members present:

Jack Griparis, Chairperson
Dean Akey
Barry Botruff
Ron D'Aversa

Absent:

Neal Anderson
Tracy Burnige
Dave Eschoo
Luis Goduco
Kevin Fick

Also in attendance:

Chuck Johnson, Plan Commission
Ann Dinges, Village Employee
Patsy Smith, Village President

The records should reflect that President Smith removed Neal Anderson and Tracy Burnige from the committee, thus bringing the number of members to 7.

Chairperson Griparis called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. The roll was taken and with a quorum met, Chairperson Griparis asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes of October 15, 2009. With no changes indicated, the minutes were approved.

Chairperson Griparis opened a discussion on the information he has gathered in reference to a card that businesses could distribute to customers for rebates. Chairperson Griparis explained that the cards are supported in conjunction with a business who specified a percentage that would be set aside for rebates to the customer and a percentage that would be donated to an

organization. Open discussion was had among the members about how the card works and how it would help add to local businesses.

Member Akey spoke about a web site called backme.org that works to help fundraising and value cards.

Member Botruff asked about the possibility of inviting local business people to attend the meeting to gather information on what they think would help them.

Open discussion was begun in reference to the number of open storefronts that the Village currently has. Member Akey suggest that the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs may have some information to help fill these open storefronts. Member Botruff volunteered to conduct some research to see what is out there and will report back to the committee at the February meeting.

Member D'Aversa suggested that the focus for the next meeting should be on new businesses and that the committee should get away from continually discussing existing businesses.

Chairperson Griparis pointed out that the committee needed to identify the problems that exist. The problems are identified as:

1. The vacancies in the existing buildings
2. Promotion of current businesses to keep them from leaving.

The committee then discussed some goals. These goals are identified as :

1. To assist in filling current vacancies
2. To assist in promoting/helping existing businesses to succeed, this includes both service and retail businesses.

Member Botruff discussed the development of a "benefits" package to offer and present to new businesses.

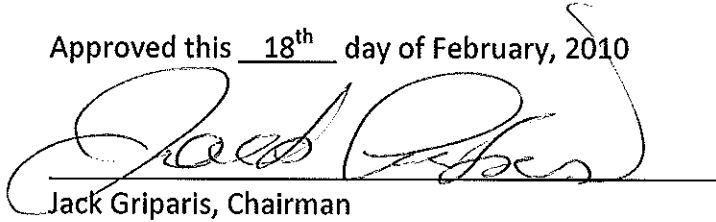
A discussion was opened by Chairperson Griparis in reference to topics that will be carried on each agenda for updates and the items that will be placed on the next agenda as pending or old business items. Each agenda will include a report from the Plan Commission and a Village Board Report. Items placed in the pending or old business for the next agenda are:

1. Member Botruff's report on the research he volunteered to do.
2. Explore having a commercial broker open house.
3. Identify the communication needed from the Village Board.

Chairperson Griparis opened the meeting for any new business. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2009, 11:30 a.m. at Old Towne Pub and Eatery.

Approved this 18th day of February, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Griparis", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jack Griparis, Chairman

Signed this 18th day of February, 2010