

Community & Economic Development Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
January 9, 2023

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Community Meeting Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Rose Reynders.

2. Roll Call.

Members present at 6:00 p.m. were Eileen Crement, Marcy Cuevas, Dan Kenney, Chris Plouzek, Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino, Co-Chair Rose Reynders. A quorum was established. Mayor George Yukich arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Members Absent: Mike Prodehl.

Also Present: Economic Development Director Janie Patch and Village Manager Carmen Maurella.

3. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

5. Minutes.

Chris Plouzek made a motion to approve the CED Committee minutes of December 12, 2022, seconded by Eileen Crement. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

6. Old Business.

a) Review of Business Assistance Programs: Recap and Discussion of Potential Business Operational Assistance.

Director Patch requested to circle back to see how the Committee would like to address potential operational assistance for businesses and get the Committee's consensus. Over the past two meetings there has been some interest to go further to financially assist businesses. Some pitfalls were also discussed for various types of improvements. Should the Village offer business operational assistance at all or not at this time? Or, is there consensus to direct staff to start working on a draft program?

Director Patch highlighted discussion from the November 14, 2022 meeting minutes. There was some agreement that assistance would be appropriate for sudden loss of refrigeration, stoves, hoods, computers and other machinery and equipment essential to the continuing operation of the business. Assistance should not cover tables, chairs or bar equipment. Director Patch reiterated the issue with assisting business equipment and other improvements that are not part of the real estate as it could be removed if the business closes.

Co-Chair Rose Reynders indicated businesses are feeling the impacts of inflation and other factors. A review of how other communities are assisting their businesses would be helpful for this discussion. Director Patch noted the comparative study used to initiate the structure of the building grant program can facilitate the

Committee's discussion. The comparative study will be revisited at the February Committee meeting.

7. New Business.

There was no New Business.

8. Director's Report.

a) RFP Town Center Land Planner – Status Update.

Director Patch reviewed the tentative schedule for the selection of a land planner to lead the Town Center planning project.

b) Business Updates.

Director Patch reviewed the Village Board's action at the December 14, 2022 meeting. The CED Committee's recommendation to extend the relaxed standards for temporary business promotional signs another year was approved.

The Village Board will consider the CED Committee's recommendations to update the Commercial Building Grant Program at its next meeting on January 11.

JC Licht targets opening January 16. Manager Maurella indicated McDonalds is rescheduled for the January 27 Village Board meeting.

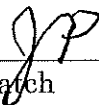
Co-Chair Rose Reynders inquired about the scheduling of future ribbon cuttings. In discussion it was agreed to schedule ribbon cuttings on Tuesdays and Thursdays and avoid Wednesdays.

A ribbon cutting for the Villas of Old Oak will be scheduled when the model is ready to open.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Dan Kenney, seconded by Chris Plouzek to adjourn. *Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Janie Patch
Economic Development Director