

City of Darien
Minutes Economic Development Committee
Thursday, April 4, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. Committee members present were Bob Hahn, Lou Mallers, Tom Papais, Bob Taft, and Steve Wernecke. Also present were Alderman Eric Gustafson and Gerry Leganski, and City Planner Jordan Yanke.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 8, 2024

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

4. New Business

a) Business Visits – Assignments for Ward 6

b) Choose DuPage Municipal Analytics Program

The Committee members provided updates on business visits within Ward 6. More businesses to be assigned. Staff gave a brief overview of the Choose DuPage Municipal Analytics Program, which the City joined through membership fee approved by City Council. The objective will be to utilize information available through the program to make informed land use and economic development decisions.

5. Old Business

a) Monthly Update – Concept Plans & Key Areas Discussion

City Planner Jordan Yanke stated there are no substantial updates on any of the key areas. The Committee was updated on current zoning/development cases with the main highlight being a recently approved drive-through quick service establishment in the outlot between Taco Bell and Concentra.

6. Staff Updates & EDC Member Updates

Chairperson Papais gave update on Chamber of Commerce activities with mention of an upcoming Ribbon Cutting at Tony and Tina's Deli. Also discussed was an event to be put on by the Chamber of Commerce at Q Bar that all Committee members are encouraged to attend. The event will highlight Economic Development efforts in the community.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2024.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.

APPROVED: _____
CHAIRPERSON