

Community & Economic Development Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
June 11, 2019

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

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Yukich.

2. Roll Call.

Members present at 7:00 p.m. were Eileen Crement, Dan Fleming, Dan Kenney, Bob Kman, Mike Prodehl, Chris Plouzek, Chairman Brian Burian and Mayor George Yukich. A quorum was established.

Members Absent: Jodi Adelman and Mark Gawron.

Also Present: Economic Development Director Janie Patch.

3. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

4. Minutes.

a) February 12, 2019.

Bob Kman made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of February 12, 2019, seconded by Eileen Crement. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

b) April 9, 2019.

Bob Kman made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of April 9, 2019, seconded by Mike Prodehl. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

5. Old Business.

There was no Old Business.

6. New Business.

There was no New Business.

7. Director's Report.

a) Sports Complex Update.

Director Patch informed the Committee about the Phase I Feasibility and Market Study contract awarded to Sports Facilities Advisory LLC on June 5.

b) Comprehensive Plan Update.

Village Board approved the RFP Finalist for the Comprehensive Plan update on April 10. The initial steps for the consultant include creating a project website, collecting data and initiating the community engagement process. The consultants held the first meeting with the Steering Committee on May 14. Interviews with community stakeholders and a community Open House on June 26 are next. An update of the sign regulations is a top priority and should be completed by the consultant within the first six months. The Comprehensive Plan update should be completed by October 31, 2020.

The 2018-21 Strategic Plan identifies the Village's goals and a road map of initiatives that can be tracked for the next few years. The Comprehensive Plan project is an initiative of the Strategic Plan that will update the long-range guidance for community development over the years to come.

c) ICSC Retail Convention.

Director Patch attended the 2019 ICSC Retail Convention (RECon) from May 19-22 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. Nearly 30,000 people attended this year with convention space spanning over one million square feet. Key targets for Homer Glen this year included hotels and developers given that water and sanitary sewer lines have been extended and IDOT 159th Street improvements are projected to be substantially completed by the end of this year. The feedback on the infrastructure update was very positive. The important follow up work for the leads generated at RECon is ongoing.

It was evident from the many meetings with developers at RECon that redevelopment and renovation of existing centers is the current business model rather than new ground up development. Also apparent at RECon is the ever quickening pace at which the retail industry must reinvent itself. Some of the key strategies in play include embracing innovative concepts, technology applications, online retailers in brick and mortar settings and innovative ways to fill retail space.

d) Development Projects Update.

Director Patch covered the following development project updates: IDOT 159th Street Project; The Square at Goodings Grove; Shorewood Home & Auto; and, The Pride Gas Station at the Boo Property.

e) New Business Update.

Director Patch covered the following business status updates: HoneyCuts; Taco Bell, Ichiban Sushi Ramen; Tavern in the Glen; Pizza Hut; and, ALDI's planned re-grand opening to showcase new store improvements.

Additional Village updates covered included:

- o Liquor Code Update: The proposed amendments to update the liquor classifications in the Code will be discussed at the Village Board workshop on June 26. This project is a staff initiative that came through the CED Committee for recommendations.
- o Community Resource Guide: This resource guide will be distributed to every household in Lemont and Homer Glen by the Heritage Corridor Business Alliance by 22nd Century Media. The Village Staff contributed content and assistance for the publication.
- o Heritage Park Active Core: Chairman Burian provided a status update. Mike Prodehl commented that a future community concert area would be a good amenity.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Bob Kman, seconded by Eileen Crement to adjourn. *Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Janie Patch
Economic Development Director