

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes Economic Development Committee**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Bryan Gay. Other Committee Members present were: Lou Mallers, Nick Pitzer, Thomas Papais, and Robert Hahn. Also present was Mayor Joe Marchese, Alderperson Mary Sullivan, and City Clerk JoAnne Ragona.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2021**

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**4. New Business**

**a) Economic Development Workshop – Recap & Action Items  
(Summary of Workshop Attached)**

City staff provided a recap of the Economic Development Workshop from October 23, 2021. Staff pointed out the key takeaways from the Workshop and included the primary topics that were discussed during the Workshop in the meeting packet.

Committee thoroughly discussed the common takeaways from the Workshop. Conversation mainly focused on redevelopment and targeting existing commercial centers for Economic Development. Committee will be awaiting action items in order to reach Economic Development goals set from the Workshop and upcoming City Council Goal-Setting Meeting.

Additional discussion pertained to marketing the City and reaching out to residents so they understand the Economic Development initiatives put in place by the City. Incentives and strategies need to be put in place moving forward.

**b) New Topic Discussion**

None.

## **5. Old Business**

### **a) Previous Follow Up/Hanging Matters**

#### **i. EDC Member Updates**

Follow up on last month's presentation by owner and representative for 1220 Plainfield Road. There are possibilities for redevelopment of the property. Staff pointed out there are zoning standards and the owner or prospective business may need to pursue a rezone through the public hearing process.

#### **ii. Staff Updates**

None.

## **6. Next Scheduled Meeting**

Next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2021.

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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**APPROVED:**

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**BRYAN GAY, CHAIRPERSON**