

**City of Darien**  
**Minutes Economic Development Committee**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2022**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM. Committee Members present were Bryan Gay, Bob Hahn, Lou Mallers, Angelo Imbrogno, and Tom Papais. Also present was Mayor Joe Marchese.

**2. Public Comment**

A number of homeowners residing near the Chinoy Property on Plainfield Road were present. They included Bob and Terry Whaley, June Wiinikka, Heidi Delelio, Clark Zhn and Sean Piazza. They each expressed their concern and/or disapproval for the possibility of changing the zoning of the property. The committee listened intently to each of the residents. The Chairman expressed to the resident attendees that at this stage of the public process, it is merely a concept to look at opportunities within the entire city for potential improvement. This is one of many other properties that are being reviewed and their comments and concerns will be taken into consideration for any future recommendations made to the City.

**3. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2022**

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**4. New Business**

**a) Concept Plan Discussions for Development**

**i. Chestnut Court Shopping Center**

The committee discussed the desire to continue to look at opportunities to improve the center as it is the main entrance to the city from the West at Lemont Rd. and 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Based on previous discussions, it does not appear that the current owner is motivated to improve the development. The committee discussed the possibility to seek a developer that is interested in improving the area and acquire an appraisal on the property. In conclusion, the committee would recommend taking a more proactive approach to the potential improvement of the area.

**ii. Chinoy Parcel**

Since we had a lengthy discussion earlier, the committee decided to suspend further discussion regarding this property.

**iii. Plainfield Road/Lester Lane Parcels**

The owner of the property has already reached out to the city to discuss different options.

**5. Old Business**

**a) EDC Duties and Tasks**

Decided to table this discussion until next session.

**b) Previous Follow Up/Hanging Matters**

The Darien Park District has moved to a new location to a building off Nantucket and previous site will be redeveloped.

**6. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 6, 2022.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

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**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**BRYAN GAY, CHAIRPERSON**