

**MINUTES
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE PARK
June 19, 2014
Village Hall-447 N. Catherine Avenue
La Grange Park, Illinois
7:00 P.M.**

Chairman James Kucera called the Commercial Revitalization Committee (CRC) meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2014, in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 447 N. Catherine Avenue, La Grange Park, Illinois.

Present: Chairman James Kucera, Committee Member Patricia Rocco, Committee Member Michael Sheehan

Also Present: Assistant Village Manager Emily Rodman, Village Clerk Amanda Seidel,

Village Clerk Seidel stated that a quorum was present. Chairman Kucera said the first item was the approval of the minutes from the February 4, 2014 meeting. *Committee Member Rocco said "I move to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Commercial Revitalization Committee Meeting."* *Committee Member Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously on a roll call vote.*

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item public comment. Tom Forst of 614 Brainard mentioned what type of businesses he would like to see in LaGrange Park. He also mentioned the business formula of Chicago Burger Works.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item and handed the meeting to Assistant Village Manager Rodman for a De-Brief on the Business Outreach Program. Assistant Village Manager Rodman had attached the interviews in the CRC packet. The Committee discussed how their meeting with the businesses went, as well as what they learned. The Committee mentioned how businesses seem satisfied with Public Works and the Police.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item Gap Analysis Review. Assistant Village Manager Rodman discussed the "Leakage/Surplus Analysis" The Catalyst for a Retail Strategy" that was in the CRC Packet. The Committee discussed the analysis which identified where money is going in the Village, what needs are being met, and is the Village pulling in money from other communities. The Committee discussed Fruitful Yield as well as the antique stores. The Committee discussed how to use this analysis as a tool on what businesses the Village should solicit. Committee Member Rocco mentioned she would like to see the analysis on the Village website, Assistant Village Manager Rodman said she would check with Buxton. Assistant Village Manager Rodman mentioned that the Chamber did a Gap Analysis and the Village should do other analysis in 6 months.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the next item TIF email. The Committee discussed the email which discussed Tax Increment Financing Criteria and the Village Market. Assistant Village Manager Rodman explained how a TIF works. Assistant Village Manager discussed which criteria could apply to the Village Market. Assistant Village Manager Rodman discussed the 12 parcels of the Village Market and the steps including; evaluation and does property qualify, and starting the process of a redevelopment area plan including objectives and project cost. The Committee discussed the next steps.

Chairman Kucera moved on to the scheduling of the next meeting date. At the end of discussion the next meeting of the Commercial Revitalization Committee was scheduled for Thursday August 28, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Committee Member Sheehan brought a motion to adjourn; Committee Member Rocco seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote. With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Kucera declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda G. Seidel
Village Clerk