

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



Business/ Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes February 22, 2021

Call to Order

Chairman Grossart called the meeting of the Business/Economic Development Advisory Committee to order at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Recreation Center in Palos Heights. Present were: Bob Grossart, Ken Busse, Alderman Jeff Key, Dr. Chuck Polcaster, Rick Powell, Barbara Bergamo, Judi Weber, Michael Coogan, Lori Mazeika, Veronica Studnicka and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Grossart had not received the minutes from January 25, 2021 for approval.

New Business

Chairman Grossart introduces the new committee member Veronica Studnicka. Veronica is a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Tax Lawyer update

Ken Busse gave an update after speaking with the county and Tom Brown. The assessment will be on the board of review. It will be May or June before we see what the assessment is. If we don't like the assessment value, the City can contest the valuation.

Intern 2021

Ken Busse contacted Trinity and also contacted Abby to see if she was interested. We have yet to see an eligible candidate. Ideally, Ken would like to share a current employee with the building department. This could possibly happen this summer. The committee would like to push for an employee that can help Ken Busse. After a job description is created by Ken, that can be presented to the mayor.

Fusion59

Ken mentioned that Juiced by Shic would like to explore the program.

Holiday in the Heights 2021

There are plans to host the event this year. The logistics of the event as well as capacity and details will be further discussed in future meetings as the state of the virus and vaccinations will determine what the event will look like.

Welcome Back Trinity

We are waiting to discuss at a later date.

Splash Pad

Alderman Key mentioned that the state has pulled all funding for the year because of the pandemic. When the weather breaks, Matt Fairbanks is going to set up some visits with other municipalities that have splash pads.

Business Occupancy Report

Ken is working on the report and should be complete for the March meeting.

Comments

Alderman Key mentioned that United Trust Bank is requesting a variance to expand a mortgage department into the old Mona Lisa location. Michael Coogan will speak on their behalf during the meeting to encourage the approval.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Bob Grossart moved to adjourn the meeting with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlotte Moore
Recording Secretary