

**VILLAGE OF FOX RIVER GROVE
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 25, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chairman Mike Schiestel called the meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present were Chairman Mike Schiestel and Members Ron Hameetman, Viki Karls, Don Kendeigh, Rich Lauritsen, Kevin Lentz, and Melissa Schladt. Also in attendance was Administrator Art Osten, Jr. as staff to the PEDC who served as Acting Secretary in Alison Dal Compo's absence.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2010 PEDC MINUTES

The minutes from the December 21, 2010 PEDC meeting were approved with minor changes following a motion by Schladt and seconded by Lentz. Motion carried unanimously.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chairman Schiestel welcomed Village President Nunamaker to the meeting who invited the PEDC to attend the annual FRG Business Roundtable in the Village Hall at Noon on Thursday, February 10th. Nunamaker will be describing economic development activities in FRG and taking questions from the business community. It is sponsored by the Chamber and requires \$15 for the catered lunch.

BUSINESS RETENTION ACTIVITIES

DOWNTOWN MURALS:

Lauritsen is coordinating. He distributed a promotional piece for both murals. Logistics were discussed and refined. Members decided that each mural should reflect the heritage of FRG (eg. river, castle, picnic grove park, train, ski jump, bygone buildings, etc.) rather than the tenants of the buildings – which could easily change over the life of the murals. Schiestel will donate a supplies lock box. Kendeigh provided a draft budget form for members to fill in and return to him. Osten stated that fencing may be desired but is not required on private property and that any banner will require evaluation by the Building Dept. as to whether a permit is required. He also reported that a State Farm commercial

insurance broker felt that the student painters should have their own medical and liability insurance if the School doesn't provide it or should sign waivers indemnifying the property owner, scaffolding company, and Village. The broker also stated that the scaffolding company and sandblaster should have their own liability insurance. Lastly, the building owner's general liability insurance provides coverage only if he is negligent and must also have building coverage with a rider to protect the completed murals from hail, graffiti, fire, etc. damage. Schiestel will ask Leader Ace Hardware if its paint suppliers, Ace or Benjamin Moore, could donate paint and supplies. Schladt will check with a local painter as to how best prep the building walls. Lentz will check for grant funding. Lauritsen will ask the American academy of Arts for funding ideas. Osten will contact Metra to determine if student painters can get a discounted rail pass. All members will informally "test the water" with individuals and businesses about their receptivity to making donations. The project is estimated to cost \$5,000 to \$7,000. The Village Board can be approached about funding too.

BUY FRG CARDS:

Schladt is coordinating. Lauritsen presented the new card and window poster draft designs. Members suggested various modifications and that the poster use self stick peel-off paper. Members were will solicit participation from the businesses they were assigned to be liaisons to. Schladt will email members' roles. Osten will email members blank business sign-up forms. Members are to visit their businesses and return all completed forms to Schladt by February 15th so she can compile the list of possible discounts. The purchase price will be \$5 or \$10 depending on the perceived value of the discounts and will be decided next month when all the discounts are reviewed and top 20 picked.

RETAIL BUSINESS LIAISONS:

Chairman Schiestel stated that, due to the late hour, this item will be discussed in greater detail at nest month's meeting.

NEWS AND UPDATES

PH&S REPORT AND VILLAGE UPDATES:

Members discussed key issues involved in the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Village Board actions regarding the Aetna development on Rt. 14. The ZBA was opposed to competition with existing businesses and wanted delivery trucks to use a separate drive not the parking lot owned by and shared with the adjacent property. The Village Board overruled the ZBA because the Village has no zoning authority to regulate competition and felt the use of the parking lot by delivery vehicles was not significant given the revelation that the parking lot is owned by the petitioner.

Osten mentioned that the Castle zoning application has been turned in and the PEDC will be advised of the date of the hearing.

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MCEDC & MCCVB:

Members had no comments on the emailed newsletters sent by both organizations.

CGA CHAMBER:

The Chamber will be hosting the FRG Business Roundtable on February 10th.

OTHER BUSINESS

No additional business was discussed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at 10 p.m. and approved unanimously.

APPROVAL

Date

Mike Schiestel, Chairman

Art Osten, Jr. Acting Secretary