

**VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE
Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes**

April 7, 2008 at 7:30 AM

Call to Order: Economic Development Chairman, Keith McConnell, called this meeting to order at 7:42 AM.

Roll Call: Present were EDC members Bob Gray, Rene Zamudio and Chairman Keith McConnell. Village Administrator, Jeannine Smith. Member Sean Rathjen absent.

Public Comment: None.

Approve March 10, 2008 Minutes: Motion was made by Keith McConnell to approve the Mar 10, 2008 EDC Meeting Minutes. Approved as amended by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

- a. What kind of businesses do we want in Wildflowers Development?:
 - Claritas report vs resident businesses desired: Mr Zamudio agreed to continue work on the analysis started by Ms Smith to include: More business categories, more detail within each category including more store brands, indication of rooftop and traffic counts each business requires and which businesses tend to enter new developments early and which tend to be followers.
 - Tallgrass: Ms Smith stated that the Tallgrass financial situation should not impact the wildflowers development.
 - Wildflowers Business District Brochure: Chairman McConnell volunteered to complete a first draft of a marketing brochure for the wildflowers business district.
 - Baseball Stadium: Ms Smith reported that the Village Board approved continued study.
- c. Open board positions:
 - Chairman McConnell asked the EDC board members to think about who might be a good fit to fill the final open position. The EDC concluded that the candidate needs to be available for morning meetings.
- b. Economic Development Model:
 - Several pages of the model were reviewed. Permits & Fee section needs to be restructured to match how the village fees actually work. Give that the property tax rate is difficult to keep stable due to how the county computes them, a rate of .40 was suggested.

New Businesses: None

Next Meeting: May. Exact date to be determined based on availability of the EDC members.

Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Gray, 2nd by Mr. Zamudio to adjourn this Economic development Commission Meeting at 8:45 AM. On a roll call vote all members voted aye. Motion carries.

Keith McConnell, Chairman