

**VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 31, 2007 at 7:30 AM**

**Call to order:** Economic Development Chairman, Keith McConnell called this Commission meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

**Roll Call:** Economic Development Commission members present: Chairman Keith McConnell, Bob Gray and Sean Rathjen.  
Stewart Connelly absent.

**Others in Attendance:** Village Administrator Jeannine M. Smith.

**Public Comment:** None

- This was the first meeting of the newly installed Economic Development Commission (EDC)
- Roles & Responsibilities Reviewed: Village Code relating to the Roles & Responsibilities of EDC were Reviewed for understanding.
- Change recommended to Village Code: After review and debate the commission is recommending the code be changed such that the commission be composed of five commissioners instead of the current four. This would enable two commissioners to communicate with each other outside of formal meetings without violation of the open meetings act.
- **Urgent Business: The commission concluded that it's first area of focus should be the business districts of the Wildflowers development.**
  1. Understand the baseline economic position by review and updating of the Wildflowers Economic Impact Analysis Model.
  2. Understand what businesses the market will bear (including data from US Census).
  3. Determine what kinds of businesses are most desired by Village Residents (Start by obtaining existing research data previously captured by Houseal & Lavigne)
  4. Actively Market Prairie Grove to recruit the types of business the residents would like to see. (In partnership with Westminster Swanson)
- **Other Business:**
  - Get inputs/advice from previous Prairie Grove EDC

*(Commissioner Sean Rathjen left the meeting at 8:35 AM)*

- Benchmark Naperville ( Dan Gardner / Houseal Lavigne may be able to help)
- Review Prairie Grove Comprehensive Plan for understanding
  
- Next Meeting: September 26, 2007, 7:30 AM

**No Executive Session.**

**Motion by Bob Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Keith McConnell to adjourn this Economic Development Commission Meeting at 8:30 AM. On a Roll Call Vote all members voted aye. Motion carries.**

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Submitted by:

Keith McConnell,  
Economic Development Commission Chairman