

VILLAGE OF PRAIRIE GROVE

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2011 at 8:30 AM

Call to Order: Chair, Colleen Clavesilla, called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

Roll Call: Present were EDC members Bob Gray, Ryon Yemm, Colleen Clavesilla, Jean Smith and Village Administrator Jeannine Smith.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2011 EDC meeting by Jean Smith, second by Ryon Yemm. There was no discussion and on a sign of aye, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Public Comment: Lori McConville representing School District 46 was present and stated that she was interested in an update on the Longhorn Development Project at the intersection of Valley View Road and Route 176 which is on the agenda for discussion today.

Old Business:

- a. The Committee reviewed assignments for the Business Retention Survey and Administrator Smith stated the welcome letter and survey will be mailed by September 15, 2011. Committee members set a goal to make calls to businesses and setup appointments to visit their businesses between September 15th and 17th and to complete visits by the end of October.
- b. Administrator Smith advised the Committee that the Route 176 and Valley View Road Project (Longhorn Development) was progressing and that the plans were submitted to IDOT for review. The Village Engineers had reviewed the project and relayed site plan comments back to Longhorn Development. There are currently two letters of intent and one letter of interest for individual units within the development.

New Business: Administrator Smith discussed the International Council of Shopping Center Networking Meeting she attended on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. She stated that it was an informative day and that she met with some of the brokers in attendance representing retailers of interest to the Village of Prairie Grove. Most of the discussions centered on location within the proposed Town Center Project; however, one of the retailers was interested in locating close to the Route 31/Route 176 intersection. It was noted that water and sewer service is important to this retailer.

Next Meeting: The next meeting date was set for November 10, 2011 at 8:30 AM in the Village Hall boardroom.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn by Ryon Yemm, second by Jean Smith at 9:36 AM. On a roll call vote all members voted aye. Motion carries.