



Business Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
234 S. State St, Hampshire, IL 60140
(Virtual Meeting Optional)

The regular meeting of the Business Development Commission of Hampshire was called to order by Trustee Ryan Krajecki in person and through a MS Teams video chat on February 10th, 2021

Call to order at 6:36 pm

Virtual: Commissioners Bill Swalwell, David Pizzolato, Susie Kopacz, Elaine Thomas, Ian Lamp, Trustee Ryan Krajecki and Assistant to the Village Manager Josh Wray

In-person: Village Administrator Hedges

Absent: Commissioner Karen Trzaska

Public Comments:

- None

Meeting Minutes Approval From 1/13/21:

- Commissioner Kopacz moved to make a motion to approve with noted changes to the 1/13/21 meeting minutes.
 - Second by Commissioner Pizzolato
 - Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Swalwell, Pizzolato, Kopacz, Thomas and Krajecki
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Trzaska, Lamp

BDC Ambassador Program

- Commissioner Trzaska and Jeanie Mayer (Chamber of Commerce) discussed the development of a local business ambassador program but were not in attendance to discuss. We will receive an update at the March's BDC meeting.

Commercial Land Development

- Commercial Land Development –The BDC had an open discussion of recommended areas, usage and criteria for land to be considered as commercial within the Village. This will be a topic at future BDC meetings, with the goal to collect and share a formal recommendation that can be used to update the Village's Comprehensive Plan. The final proposal to be shared with the Zoning board.

Marketing Brochure Update

- Village Administrator Hedges provided an update that Trustee Reid is close to finalizing the project now that the branding project is complete. Project draft will be presented at the March BDC meeting.

Main Street Program

- Formation of Main Street Committee – As Commissioner Kopacz and Trustee Krajecki discussed further and this topic is tabled until the pandemic eases in the coming months. Also discussed was the opportunity for a member of the Village to engage full time.

Beautification Committee Report

- Commissioner Swalwell presented the following updates:
 - Both the downtown Dollar Store and the former Palazzolo's owners have been in touch and will look to be updating their façade.

Property Code Enforcement Update

- No update

Hampshire's Very Own

- The current schedule of Hampshire's Very Own articles will be as follows:
 1. Stitching on State
 2. Hampshire Animal Hospital
 3. Ross' Gaspump Garage
 4. Roy's Place
 5. Mama Toom
 6. Jimmy's Sports Bar
 7. Christina Michelle Salon

New or Existing Business Update

- Potential Hotel & Restaurant (@ the truck stop)
- Freight Union (Truck Stop Industrial - HQ for a trucking company)

Other Updates

- Discussion around the potential to develop an incubator for new business owners at the downtown Dollar Store. The BDC to discuss ideas at the March BDC meeting of how to ideate before approaching the owner.

Adjourn

- Commissioner Lamp moved to make a motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm.
 - Second by Commissioner Pizzolato

- Motion carried by voice vote:
 - Ayes: Swalwell, Pizzolato, Kopacz, Thomas, Lamp and Krajecki
 - Nays: None
 - Absent: Trzaska