

KENDALL COUNTY ILLINOIS

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 22, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Koukol at 8:33 a.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Chairman Dan Koukol, Matt Prochaska, Judy Gilmour, Lynn Cullick, Scott Gryder

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: Andrez Beltran, Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator; Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator

Members of the Public: Kelly Browning, owner of Arts on Fire

Approval of Agenda – Mr. Beltran noted the agenda need amended to reflect that the minutes were from June 30, not April 22. Mr. Gryder made the motion to approve the agenda with that amendment. It was seconded by Ms. Cullick **Approved 5-0.**

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Ms. Cullick made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Gilmour. **Approved 5-0.**

New Business

Consensus to Apply: Arts on Fire

Chairman Koukol introduced Kelly Browning of Arts on Fire. Ms. Browning stated that aRts on Fire is a paint your own pottery and more business. She stated they are looking to move from a 1,200 square foot studio to a 6,000 square foot studio. Currently classes are full and there is a waiting list. The building that would be purchased is in downtown Plano.

The Committee asked Ms. Browning about the costs for the project and their uses. Ms. Browning stated that the project included purchase of the building, fixing the roof and interior due to water damage, and installation of solar panels.

Mr. Beltran stated that final finances are being finalized between the bank, Ms. Browning, and the County. He continued that the numbers would be finalized when they came back to the Committee for the second time. Mr. Beltran stated they are giving a positive recommendation to move forward to the application process.

The Committee came to a consensus to move Arts on Fire to the application phase.

Old Business

Revolving Fund Loans

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- *Review: Monthly Statements*

Mr. Beltran reviewed the current Revolving Fund Loan Reports from June 1, 2016 to June 31, 2016. All current payments are in for the month. Current available loan amount is approximately \$1.7 million.

- *Update: Revolving Fund Loan Applications*

Mr. Beltran updated the status on two revolving loan fund applications. One found funding elsewhere while the other still had not contacted him about additional collateral.

Business Retention & Expansion

Mr. Beltran stated Mr. Wilkins and himself met with the company looking to build in the County, and a member community's elected official and staff to discuss possible sites in the community. The community managed to point the company to a few other sites that may be of interest.

Update: Economic Indicator Dashboard

Mr. Beltran stated there was not much movement since last quarter, and did not expect to see major fluctuations as the economy is close to full employment.

Update: 2016Q1 Strategic Goals Action Items Report Card

Mr. Beltran stated the Report Card will be a new quarterly report that ties into the Strategic Plan. He also stated it is a measure of performance measurement.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Koukol spoke on the proposed Binny's at Route 30 and 34. The Committee hoped that the location of the store would draw additional businesses.

Ms. Cullick stated the TIF district is the current economic development news.

Mr. Prochaska had no updates.

Ms. Gilmour stated that Crusade Burger Bar in Yorkville seems to be doing well.

Mr. Gryder stated that a trucking company was looking at additional sites.

Public Comment – None

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

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With no further business to discuss, Mr. Gryder moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prochaska. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee at 9:23 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrez P. Beltran
Economic Development and Special Projects Coordinator