

Winthrop Harbor Economic Development Commission
February 11, 2015
Meeting Minutes

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Margo Nelson.

Attendees

Margo Nelson (Chairman)
Gary Powell
Kurt Melander
Fred Seamon

Ex-Officio

Bob Long – Excused
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Carl Simmons
John Mazurek

Others

Pat DiPersio (Community Development Director)
Trustee Kim Braden

II. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2015

Postponed until the next meeting (March 11)

III. Chairperson Report: Margo Nelson

a. Trustee Braden – Village Board Report

- Village now allows residents to keep chickens with a permit.
- New housing permit fees have been reduced.

IV. Committee Reports:

a. Development Planning – Necessity for Change:

i. Marketing Update – John Mazurek

Nothing new to report.

ii. Business Attraction Planning – Fred Seamon

Nothing new to report.

iii. Ordinance Updates – Gary Powell / Kurt Melander

Nothing new to report.

b. Director Report

- Representative Jesiel has been contacted regarding developing the North Point Marina, and she has responded.
- The Harbor Business Buzz section of the community newsletter is out with help from EDC member Fred Seamon who reported on economic conditions.
- A report on hotel building in the Midwest was shared with attendees.
- Demographic information on Winthrop Harbor was shared with attendees.

- Pat reported interest expressed by two firms in developing the Triangle. Discussions are ongoing and no agreements have been reached.

V. Notice/Handouts

- a. A video about Lake County was shared as an example of something to base a similar video on Winthrop Harbor development.

VI. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Kurt Melander and seconded by Gary Powel to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Fred Seamon