

THE CITY OF FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

BUSINESS ALLIANCE COMMISSION (BAC) MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Room A

10025 Bunkum Road, Fairview Heights, IL

Committee Members in attendance – Chuck Daily, Charles Kassly, Bill Poletti, Robert Triplett, Don Barkley, Brandon LaMarque, Elroy Philip, & Michael Hagen

Committee Members absent – Marty Bausano

Other Aldermen and Elected Officials in attendance – Karen Kaufhold

Staff in attendance - Land Use Director Tim Tolliver & Economic Development Director Mike Malloy

Recorder – Becky Short

Public Participation

None

Approval of minutes – December 22, 2015

Motion and second to approve the December 22, 2015 minutes were made by Bill Poletti/Michael Hagen. The motion carried by voice vote and was unanimous.

Report on City Sales Tax

Over the past 6 months there has been an increase in sales tax. Overall, there has been a 5.8% growth in sales tax. The city is current with state funds.

Economic Development Director's Report of January 11, 2016

Director Malloy commented on some of the highlights of the report: the Joint Review Board (JRB) will meet on February 5, 2016, the Enterprise Zone has been approved and certified, discussion of having the Downstate Alliance Commission meeting in Fairview Heights bringing in 150 people, grocery store locating to the city, a car parts franchise utilizing space in the Arrowhead complex to put in a warehouse, discussion about applying for a grant worth \$650,000 for a roundabout at Commerce and Marketplace, and construction on the Lincoln Trail Streetscape starting in spring 2017.

Discussion of Hotel/Motel Tax Grant Funds and Future Allocation Scenarios

- A. 2016 Current Application/Deadline for 2016 Applications
Malloy went over the history of the Hotel/Motel Screening Subcommittee. Discussion was held about the dates for application deadline.
- B. 2015 Applicants

The commission reviewed the 2015 applications and discussed changes needed on the 2016 application. The consensus of the commission was to make the process more objective rather than subjective.

C. Staff Grants Allocation Scenario

Discussion on who would go over the application and make recommendations to the Business Alliance Commission. The city would like to see more accountability and expanding the criteria on the reporting form.

D. Formation of Hotel/Motel Fund Grants Committee for 2016 Allocation

The members of the subcommittee will be Chuck Daily, Mike Malloy, and Bill Poletti (ex-officio).

Discussion of newly created Enterprise Zone

Malloy went over what an Enterprise Zone is and answered any questions the commission had.

Discussion of need for special meeting prior to February 23, 2016 regular meeting

Discussion was held about the need for a special meeting prior to February 23rd to discuss the Hotel/Motel Fund Grant application and the timeline for when the applications will need to be turned in by. Commission agreed to have a subcommittee meeting on January 29th at 10:00 a.m. and a special BAC meeting on February 9th at 1:30 p.m. This way the application can be discussed at the February 10th Finance Committee meeting and then voted on at the February 16th City Council meeting.

Subcommittee meeting: Friday, January 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment 3:24 p.m.

Submitted By:



Recorder