

Meeting of Lindenhurst Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2016
Lindenhurst Village Hall
430 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY

The meeting of the Lindenhurst Economic Development Committee was called to order at 7:04 PM by Shawn Cullinane, Chairperson. A salute to the flag was led by Darrel Kost, Committee Member.

Present

Shawn Cullinane, Chairperson
Joseph Biggs, Committee Member
Marian Conway, Committee Member
Darrel Kost, Committee Member
Anthony Manetta, Committee Member
Robert Sweeney, Committee Member

Absent

Katherine McCaffrey, Secretary

Claire Collins filled in as Acting Secretary

1. Motion by Darrel Kost, seconded by Robert Sweeney to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting. Approved.
2. Shawn Cullinane introduced Jason Kontakis as the Business Improvement District's designated representative and RJ Renna as the Chamber of Commerce's designated representative to attend LEDC meetings. Committee Member Sweeney asked the representatives if they wished to address the committee. Mr. Kontakis wanted to know what is the Committee's agenda and what are you looking for from the local businesses. Mr. Renna stated the Chamber of Commerce is excited and would love to partner with the Village to attract new businesses. Chairman Cullinane responded that we are looking for information from 'outside eyes' and multiple points of view are important.
3. Comments from Audience Regarding:
 - Committee boundaries
 - Fact finding by the LEDC
 - Other communities and their economic development efforts
 - Other Lindenhurst business areas
 - Need for suggestions from all interested parties
 - Input from business interests
 - Communication efforts
 - New York State Liquor Authority

4. New Business:

What would the Committee members like to see:

Committee Member Manetta – Updated plans for planning and housing, talking with Suffolk County for available grants – Jumpstart Grant, for small businesses a fast track application process, and for the BID Patchogue’s BID is applying for grants our BID should do so as well.

Committee Member Kost – Being an Engineer would like to see a specifics package – walkways to side streets for parking, a walkable community, smart parking meters, a pedestrian walkway/bike path to Fellers Pond, Traffic calming measures – medians on Wellwood Avenue from Montauk to Gates Avenue and an Architectural Review Board for a uniform look.

Chairman Cullinane – Do more to enhance and encourage Arts and Entertainment, new restaurants are important, look into tax incentives to bring certain types of businesses.

Committee Member Conway – Parking, signage, lighting, facades, clear communication.

Committee Member Sweeney – Parking and maps with parking information and locations. Have a parking professional recommend changing the angle of parking to be more visible. General beautification improvements, Architectural Review Board, Low interest loans for storefront improvements. Get public involvement – most important. Have a Point of Contact at the Village, Village Liaison. Enthusiasm is contagious, need to plan events and get historical information out into the community.

Committee Member Biggs – Incentives – how do we get people to come here. More parking is needed and in downtown do the Lindy Bucks to get businesses involved.
Announcements:

5. Chairman Cullinane announced the Start of a Farmer’s market at the Village Square on Saturday mornings beginning Saturday July 2nd from 9am – 2pm. Saturday night weekly concerts at the Village Square have begun. The New Museum, 272 South Wellwood Avenue, is officially open with a Summer Concert to be announced.
6. Next meeting – to be announced and will notify by email.
7. Motion by Anthony Manetta, seconded by Darrel Kost to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.