

CITY OF OAK FOREST  
Economic Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
15440 S. Central Avenue



1. Call to Order at 12:03 p.m.

Present:

- Member Jim Emmett
- Member Patrick Gericke
- Member Paul Hosman
- Member Kim Malecky-Iles
- Member Brian Martello
- Chairman Don Vacha
- Dir. of Community and Economic Dev. Ed Cage
- Community Planner Paul Ruane, staff liaison

Absent:

- Member Patti Griffin
- Member Keith Tadevich

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2. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2022.

Member Hosman made a motion to approve the minutes from November 2, 2023 with no proposed changes. Motion seconded by Member Gericke. Minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0, with two absent.

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3. New Business

a. Façade Grant Request – Fairview Realty – 15411 S. Cicero Avenue

Director Cage presented the façade grant request from Fairview Realty for 15411 S. Cicero Avenue. He including some details on the project, such as; a new monument sign, landscaping, and brick stain.

Member Emmett asked if Flannery’s next door to this property is looking to request a similar façade grant request. Director Cage responded that we haven’t been approached about any exterior changes but that can change once they get settled in.

Member Malecky-Iles asked if the business is allowed to do their own work. Director Cage confirmed they are allowed to be compensated for the materials but not the labor.

Member Martello made a motion to approve the Façade Grant Request for Fairview Realty at 15411 S. Cicero Avenue. The motion seconded by Member Hosman. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, with three members absent.



b. Façade Grant Request – Clover’s Bar & Grill – 15548 S. Cicero Avenue

Director Cage presented the façade grant request from Clover’s Bar & Grill for 15548 S. Cicero Avenue. He including some details on the project, such as; a proposed new awning and a pole sign.

Member Gierke asked if the proposed sign is taller than the existing sign. Director Cage confirmed that the proposed sign is a foot taller.

Member Martello asked if the business is requesting these changes or did the City require the changes. Director Cage indicated that the applicant has been working with staff for a number of months to put this request together. The applicant was not required to make these changes.

Member Malecky-Iles made a motion to approve the Façade Grant Request for Clover’s Bar & Grill at 15548 S. Cicero Avenue. The motion seconded by Member Emmett. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, with three members absent.

4. Project Update

- a. Director Cage provided updates on various projects in town including the following city projects and new businesses:
- Oak Forest Family Dental - 6154 159<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Carefree Village Senior Development NW corner of 151<sup>st</sup> and Cicero
  - 157<sup>th</sup> and Cicero (Mixed Use and Townhomes)
  - 167<sup>th</sup> and Cicero (Logistics Facility)
  - Oak Forest Gateway Commercial Buildings

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Member Gierke made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Hosman. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.