

CITY OF OAK FOREST
Economic Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, City Council Chambers
15440 S. Central Avenue



1. Call to Order at 12:06 p.m.

Present:

- Member Jim Emmett
- Member Patrick Gericke
- Member Patti Griffin
- Member Keith Tadevich
- 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 Paul Hosman

2. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2023.

Member Tadevich made a motion to approve the minutes from January 4, 2023 with no proposed changes. Motion seconded by Member Emmett. Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0, with one absent.

3. New Business

a. Cook County Class 6B Incentive Renewal – OPAK, LLC – 4245 W. 166th Street

Director Cage presented the request for the Cook County class 6B incentive renewal. The existing business had an existing class 6B approved in 2010 and are requesting an approval of an extension, as the incentives run for 13 years.

Member Tadevich asked a question on how many renewals of such an incentive is fair and reasonable? Mr. Cage answered that this is a good question and that Staff will provide some analysis for the next EAC meeting, so that this question/issue can be discussed further.

Member Emmett requested and asked if the subject property could be cleaned-up and improve their screening of the property? Mr. Cage answered that this information could be relayed to the property owner and ask them to make some screening improvements.

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Member Malecky-Iles asked how many 6B incentives already exist in the City? Mr. Cage answered that Staff will put together and provide a table/chart of such prior approvals at the next EAC meeting.

Member Griffin made a motion to recommend approve of the Cook County Class 6B Incentive renewal at 4245 W. 166th Street, as submitted and with the screening improvements as a condition. The motion seconded by Member Tadevich. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, with one member absent.

4. Project Update

- a. Director Cage and Planner Ruane provided updates on various projects in town including the following city projects and new businesses:
- Clover's Bar & Grill - 15548 S. Cicero Ave
 - Oak Forest Family Dental - 6154 159th Street
 - Holiday Inn Express – 4365 Frontage Road
 - Cannabis Dispensary – 5940 159th Street
 - New Gateway building – 15850-52 S. Cicero Ave
 - 157th and Cicero (Mixed Use and Townhomes)
 - 167th and Cicero (Logistics Facility)
 - Oak Forest Gateway City properties for sale

Member Gierke made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Griffin. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.