

CITY OF OAK FOREST
Economic Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – 12:00 p.m.
City Hall, City Council Chambers
15440 S. Central Avenue



1. Call to Order at 12:02 p.m.

Present:

Member Jim Emmett
Member Patrick Gericke
Member Patti Griffin
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 Keith Tadevich

2. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2023.

Chairman Vacha noted one change to the draft minutes was needed. This was that Member Hosman was absent and Member Griffin was present at the meeting and the opposite of what was reflected in the minutes. Member Hosman made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5, 2023 with the one proposed change. Motion seconded by Member Emmett. Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0, with one absent.

3. New Business

- a. Façade Grant Request – Continuum Oak Forest, LLC – 15850 S. Cicero Ave

Director Cage presented the application and request for a façade improvement grant for 15850 S. Cicero Ave. The owner of the property is planning on improving the façade on the Starbucks and ATI building at 15850 S. Cicero Ave. This would be achieved by matching the new upgraded façade materials used on the under-construction building to the northwest of the existing building. It was felt that the existing building being approximately 9 years old, could use a refreshed and upgraded façade improvement. It was also noted that the proposed new materials, would make a significant improvement to a highly visible and trafficked building at the prominent City Gateway location.

Member Hosman made a motion to recommend approve of the Façade Grant Request at 15850 S. Cicero Ave, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Griffin. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0, with one member absent.



4. Old Business

Director Cage presented a spreadsheet that staff had put together to list all of the Class 6B and Class 8 Cook County incentives that exist in the City of Oak Forest. This was from a request from the EAC at the last regular meeting. Overall, the list was received well and had some very useful information.

5. Project Update

- a. Planner Ruane provided updates on various development related projects in town including the following projects:
 - i. Oak Forest Family Dental - 6154 159th Street
 - ii. Holiday Inn Express – 4365 Frontage Road
 - iii. Culver’s Restaurant – 5410 159th Street
 - iv. New Gateway building – 15850-52 S. Cicero Ave
 - v. 157th and Cicero (Mixed Use and Townhomes)
 - vi. Aldi – 4250 167th Street – Permit close to being issued
 - vii. Former Numero Uno – Car wash user with a PSA
 - viii. 159th x Cicero – LOMR – Southwest corner, LOMR update

Member Hosman made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Member Gericke. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.