

**Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2008**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The November 24, 2008 Economic Development Commission Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Skowronski in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson, Burac-Englert, Haselow, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Oleson, Zawacki, Michlig, and Desai. Member Bartoshevich and Director of Administration Mark Luberdia were excused.

II. Citizen Comment Period: No citizen comments were made.

III. Approval of the September 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the September 22, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0), Abstain (1-Oleson).

IV.A. Presentation by Mr. Will Ruch of Versant on Marketing Update

Mr. Will Ruch of Versant gave a marketing update presentation to the Commission. No action taken.

V. Business Climate in Franklin

a. Alderman Wilhelm's Email

Chairman Skowronski distributed an email from Alderman Wilhelm to the Commission Members. Discussion was held.

b. Inventory of Vacant Business Locations

The Commission formed a Committee comprised of Members Karolewicz, Kerr, Desai, and Michlig to establish a list of vacant buildings.

VI. 27th Street Update (Alderman Olson)

Alderman Olson gave an update to the Commission pertaining to the 27th Street Corridor. He noted that the next Joint 27th Street Steering Committee Meeting is January 7th.

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VII. John O'Malley S. 76th Street & Ryan Road Sewer Proposal

Member Burac-Englert read a letter from John O'Malley regarding development of 60th Street to 80th Street on Ryan Road. Chairman Skowronski elaborated on Zimmermann & R. A. Smith & Associates studies. Chairman Skowronski suggested that Member Burac-Englert respond to O'Malley's letter advising that his letter was entered into the minutes and to invite him to come to a future Commission meeting to explain the proposal further if needed.

VIII. Business Get Together 2009

The Indian Community School was the agreed upon site for the 2009 Business Get Together. A date has not yet been determined.

IX. Milwaukee Journal Article of 10/12/08

Chairman Skowronski distributed a 10/12/08 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article to the Commission members pertaining to a funding issue for regional mass transit and the steps being taken by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transportation Authority. Discussion was held.

X. New Business

No new business was reported.

XI. Information

It was noted that Sharon Moulds has resigned from the Commission.

XII. Next Meeting Date – December 22, 2008

Chairman Skowronski noted that the December 22, 2008 meeting date would be cancelled if no new business items come forth.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Member Karolewicz and seconded by Member Burac-Englert to adjourn the November 24, 2008 Economic Development Commission Meeting. Motion carried: Ayes-All.