Kendall County Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 27, 2013
Kendall County Board Room

Call to Order
The Economic Development Committee met at 8:51 a.m. and was called to order by Dan Koukol, Chairman of the Kendall County Economic Development Committee.

Roll Call
Members Present: Dan Koukol, Lynn Cullick, Amy Cesich, and Matt Prochaska (arrived from Housing Authority Committee at 9:39 a.m.)
Members Absent: Judy Gilmour
Other Board Members Present: County Board Chairman John Shaw
Staff Present: Jeff Wilkins, County Administrator, and John Sterrett, Economic Development Coordinator
Others Present: Mayor Bob Hausler of Plano

Approval of Minutes
Ms. Cullick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cesich, to approve the August 23, 2013 meeting minutes. With a voice vote of all ayes the motion carried.

New Business
Illiana Corridor
Mr. Wilkins gave a background to the Illiana Corridor project occurring in Will County and explained the process federal projects must go through, including approval by the regional metropolitan planning organization (MPO). The County’s MPO is the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). CMAP’s GOTO 2040 Plan included the Corridor on its fiscally unconstrained project list. The project must still be included within the regional plan to be considered for federal funding. The project meets the Illinois Department of Transportation’s criteria. CMAP has not voted on the project yet. Chairman John Shaw stated that IDOT is for the project. Mr. Shaw commented that the project could help promote economic development in the region. The project could become a privatized toll way. The proposed Peotone Airport could have a potential impact on the corridor project.

Old Business
2013 AIRE Tradeshow Recap
Mr. Koukol gave a recap of the AIRE Tradeshow. The County’s booth was well attended by several developers and realtors. The overall attendance seemed slightly down from previous years but was still beneficial. The raffle for gift cards received high participation.

Business Resource Roundtable Breakfast
Mr. Sterrett reviewed the Business Resource Roundtable event occurring on November 14th at Whitetail Ridge Golf Course. Topics at the event will include marketing for small businesses, operation efficiencies, financing, international trade and exporting, workforce development, and energy efficiency. Ms. Cullick suggested that the press release for the event reiterate that registration is required. Mr. Sterrett will revise the press release.

Illinois Economic Development Magazine Advertisement
Mr. Sterrett explained to the County that Journal Communications is preparing their next Illinois Economic Development Magazine. The Committee discussed if the County would have an advertisement in the next edition. Staff will discuss the matter with the Kendall Economic Development Alliance group and then bring the topic back to the Committee at next month’s meeting.

Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program
Mr. Sterrett gave an update to the loans. All loans have paid.
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Other Business
Mayor Bob Hausler stated that there was a ribbon cutting for a new Pizza Hut in Plano. The RKA Gun Range had a ribbon cutting on September 21st. Mr. Hausler estimates that there were over 1,000 people attending the ribbon cutting event. The shooting range will provide training for concealed carry. The Plano Oktoberfest is starting on September 27th and running through the weekend. Plano will be attending the International Council of Shopping Centers Convention at Navy Pier in Chicago on October 3rd and October 4th. Mr. Hausler met with representatives from Metra previously in the week to discuss including Plano into the Metra study. The committee discussed how the proposed switch yard for the rail in Yorkville would impact the future expansion of the rail line and could prevent future extension.

Chairman’s Report - None
Public Comment - None
Executive Committee - None

Adjournment
With no further business to discuss, Ms. Cullick moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Koukol. There being no objection, the Economic Development Committee, at 9:47 a.m., adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John H. Sterrett,
Recording Secretary