

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 25th, 2025

A regular EDC meeting was held on Thursday, September 25th, 2025.

The meeting began at 8:09 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Giannelli, Bill Geary, Tom Herbstritt, Sixto Rincon, and Giuliano Petrucci

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Mizner - Village Planner; Rudolph Repa - Senior Planner; Nicholas Walny - Director of Community Development and Zoning

MOTION TO ACCEPT minutes from the March 27th, 2025 special meeting made by Tom Herbstritt. **SECONDED** by Giuliano Petrucci. **VOICE VOTE CARRIED** at 8:11 A.M.

Old Business: *none*

New Business: *none*

Project updates from Staff: *Presentation and Q&A from Village Planner Paul Mizner regarding Franklin Park demographic and economic data.*

Mr. Mizner opened the presentation at 8:12 A.M. by introducing himself as the new Franklin Park Village Planner and began a Powerpoint presentation regarding Franklin Park demographic and economic data. The Presentation was broken down into five sections as follows: Demographics, Job Data, Industrial Businesses, Commercial Businesses, and Multi-Family Residential.

The Economic Development Commission members asked a series of thoughtful questions regarding the various statistics and economic figures of the presentation, which Mr. Mizner was able to respond to with occasional assistance from Mr. Walny and Mr. Repa.

Mr. Mizner closed the presentation by thanking the members of the Economic Development Commission for their interest and noted that the full Powerpoint presentation can be emailed to any interested parties by email request.

Staff Update and Q&A from Director of Community Development and Zoning Nicholas Walny regarding Infrastructure and Business Development in Franklin Park

Mr. Walny opened the Staff Update at 8:34 A.M. and began a Powerpoint presentation regarding recent Franklin Park infrastructure and business developments. The Presentation was broken down into three sections as follows: ongoing infrastructure projects, recently approved businesses, and improvements to the downtown district.

The Economic Development Commission members asked a series of thoughtful questions regarding various infrastructure and business developments, which Mr. Walny was able to respond to with occasional assistance from Mr. Mizner and Mr. Repa.

Mr. Geary inquired about the ongoing Phase I Engineering and Future Phase II Design of the Connecting Franklin Park project funded by the Federal Railroad Administration's Railroad Crossing Elimination Program regarding a potential roadway underpass east of 25th Avenue to alleviate traffic congestion caused by excessive train blockages. Mr. Geary expressed interest in the project's potential impact on traffic circulation and property acquisition on businesses.

Mr. Walny stated that the Connecting Franklin Park project is still in the early stage of the Phase I process and emphasized that additional opportunities will be provided at future Public Open Houses—dates to be determined—for key stakeholders and the public to review the proposed roadway alignment and its potential impacts on adjacent truck and vehicular traffic.

There were no further questions.

Public Comment: *none*

With no further business before the Commission, Giuliano Petrucci **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn. Bill Geary **SECONDED** the motion. **VOICE VOTE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudolph I Repa