


Town of Cromwell
Economic Development Commission
Regular Meeting
7:00 Pm Wednesday October 21, 2020
Room 222 Cromwell Town Hall 41 West Street

Meeting Minutes

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Present: Chairman Richard Nobile, Paul Warendas, Jay Polke

Absent: Joe Fazekas, Marilyn Teitlebaum-Dworkin

Also Present: Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison
Steve Fortenbach, Town Council Liaison Al Waters

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nobile at 7:04 PM.

2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates

The presence of the above members was noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jay Polke to approve the Agenda; seconded by Paul Warendas. *All in favor, motion passed.*

4. Public Comments

There were none.

5. Director of Planning and Development Report

Mr. Popper offered the following updates:

- The Planning and Zoning Commission opened their public hearing on the proposed digital billboards at 6 Piney Ridge Road and there were differing of opinions as to what was presented in the original zone change; whether they were single face or whether they were V shape double faced billboards, one facing north one facing south. The Commissioner's seemed to recall a single sided digital billboard, the developer's recalled two V shaped billboard with 2 screens on each pole. This led to a lengthy discussion which was continued to November 5th meeting.
- Cafe Fiore got their liquor permit from the Town of Cromwell PZC at the October 6th, 2020 meeting. They have indicated they plan on opening in late November.

- Jefferson Fry Company will be asking for a liquor permit to sell beer.
- Outdoor dining continues at Chicago Sam's, Cafe Luna, and Pizza Pie. We will see what happens as the season progresses.
- There was the Halloween holiday event on Saturday October 17, 2020. It was well attended with about 150 cars drove through to see the Halloween exhibits and received candy at the end.
- The new Starbucks continues under construction. The landlord feels that it will drive more business to the shopping center. There are still vacancies at the former Pet Store and the former Beauty Supply store.
- There have been discussions regarding proposed development on more of the land in the northern tier. We are hoping for a positive ripple effect from the Amazon building on some of the other properties in that area.
- There has been some interest in the Ravizza properties on Sebeth Drive and Kirby Road.
- The work continues at Cromwell Village. Utilities and roads will be installed after the building construction. Discussion continues with the developer about the proposed radio antennae. Developer expects building to be completed in July 2021.

6. New Business:

None.

7. Chairman's Comments/Commissioners' Comments

Jay Polke commented on the tax abatement for Marriott and Amazon.

8. Communications: see attached P & Z Minutes

There was no update.

9. Approval of Minutes:

a. September 16, 2020

Motion made by Paul Warena to approve the minutes; seconded by Jay Polke. *All in favor, motion passed.*

10. Good & Welfare

No comments.

11. Adjourn

Motion made by Jay Polke to adjourn at 7:23 PM; seconded by Paul Warena. *All in favor, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle L. Armetta ^{*SLP*}

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Recording Clerk