

**City Of Rolling Meadows
Economic Development Committee Minutes
Monday, February 6, 2023**

Members Present:

Linda Ballantine
Christine Burbidge
Craig Carlson
Heather Larson
Jeanine Molinelli
Kevin O'Brien

Members Absent:

Jenifer Vinezeano

Also Present:

Glen Cole, Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development
Martha Corner, Business Advocate
Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager
Fred Voght, Community Events Foundation Pat Wright, Community Events Foundation

Call to Order

EDC Chair Jeanine Molinelli established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2022 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Member Burbidge and seconded by Member Kevin O'Brien to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022 Economic Development Committee (EDC) special meeting. With no additional discussion the EDC minutes were unanimously approved by the membership.

Events Overview with Lori Ciezak, Assistant to the City Manager, and Representative Members of the Community Events Foundation (CEF)

Ms. Ciezak introduced CEF members Fred Voght and Pat Wright and reviewed the purpose of the events overview. She suggested the EDC provide ideas for events possibly beginning in 2024 and would attract visitors from outside the community and provide added visibility to Rolling Meadows businesses.

Chair Molinelli said the efforts by the EDC relative to events would be timely as the 2023 EDC Goals agenda does involve development of things to/activities/recreation in Rolling Meadows.

Member O'Brien suggested the EDC avoid duplicating efforts of the CEF which are oriented toward community gatherings, rather bring the economic development focus to EDC review of City events.

Chair Molinelli reviewed a list of events that she gathered in researching events which she found to more adult oriented:

- Burgoo Festival – Utica IL
- Tug Fest – Port Byron IL
- Soulard Mardi Gras – St. Louis MO
- Pierogi Fest – Whiting IN
- Chiditarod – Chicago, IL

- The owner of new restaurant Phoenix Flame is in the process of obtaining building permits and commencing build out. Opening date to be determined. For more information, visit <https://phoenixflame.net>.
- New Rolling Meadows business, 25N Coworking Rolling Meadows, will be holding a Grand Opening Open House on Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. The location is 1701 Golf Road, building #3, Suite 300 (Continental Towers).

Registration is available through <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-opening-25n-coworking-rolling-meadows-tickets-515183847757>. For more information on 25N Coworking Rolling Meadows, visit <https://25ncoworking.com/locations/rolling-meadows-il/>.

- Aloft Hotel is now open. For more information on the hotel, visit <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chias-aloft-chicago-schaumburg/overview/>.

Items of Interest in the City

None.

Issues Not on the Agenda

Member Larson provided a brief Meet Chicago Northwest (MCNW) and City of Rolling Meadows Partnership Executive Summary 2022. Items included a description of MCNW, the MCNW/Rolling Meadows partnership, MCNW staff and MCNW marketing efforts on behalf of participating communities.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Chair Molinelli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Member Burbidge and seconded by Member Larson, and unanimously approved by the membership. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Economic Development Committee will take place on April 3, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Corner

Minutes approved on: 4/3/2023

Jeanine Molinelli
 Jeanine Molinelli, Chair, Economic Development Committee