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## VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall – Room 214, Hanover Park, IL

Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
12:30 p.m.

### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Gudenkauf called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. in Chair Tobin's absence.

#### PRESENT:

Members: Steve Bessette, Edgar Candelas, Nan Gudenkauf, Anita Komorski, Israel Vargas, Steven Zanfardino

#### ABSENT:

Members: Classic Computer, Elite RF, First Eagle Bank, Hanover Park Library, Valexity Technologies, WBDC

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Director Govind, Eco Dev Coord. Boesel, Assoc. Planner Subovitz, Sr. Admin Sjodin, Trustee Albuck, Mayor Craig

#### 2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA – Approved via unanimous consent

#### 3. TOWNHALL: none

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by member Komorski to approve the Minutes of **January 13, 2026** (no meeting in February) seconded by member Vargas.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

##### 5-a. Restaurant Week 2026 – March 20-30

- Currently 14 restaurants are participating
- A 30-60 second video montage will be created to showcase each restaurant; Eco Dev Coord Boesel and Admin Sjodin will record videos to be edited by the I.T. department to create the video.
- Staff plans to coordinate the "3 Receipt Raffle Contest" for customers to submit receipts from three Hanover Park restaurants during Restaurant Week to enter into a raffle.

##### 5-b. Spotlight on Business Recommendations

Director Govind suggested Forge Virtual Studios at 1555 Hunter. They are a new business that does virtual productions of tv commercials, music videos, and other promotional shoots.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6-a. Awards Dinner Feedback

EDC members suggested the event look and feel more celebratory; maybe have a DJ and dancing after the award presentations. The audio/tech issues were discussed. More networking activities were suggested since people just seemed to sit at their assigned table and not mingle. The possibility of having tall cocktail tables set up in a separate room for the cocktail/appetizer hour would be an idea.

### 6-b. Best Tacos in Town Contest

Bartlett held a Best Pizza In Town Contest; maybe Hanover Park could have a Best Tacos in Town contest? Having the event in October or November was suggested.

### 6-c. Hanover Township Job Fair

- The Job Fair will be on April 8 @ 11am-2pm at 240 S. Route 59, Bartlett.
- Member Gudenkauf commented they seem to hold job fairs in the middle of the day which makes it difficult for people who have a job but are searching for a new job to attend, and for students it is when they are in school. Having it from 3:00-6:00pm could be a better option.
- Member Vargas commented that there are many people that do not have jobs at all that really need the opportunity to apply
- Member Zanfardino commented there are 6 job fairs in the next several weeks; it would be nice if they were spread out more.

### 6-d. Next Commercial or Industrial Meetup

The last meetup was in fall of 2024 at Camcraft and had approximately 50 attendees

October is manufacturing month so October would be the preferred month

Member Candelas commented Wintrust Bank could host

Member Bessette also offered the Park District to host

Director Govind commented that in the past, colleges wanted to hear from manufacturers re their needs. This year we will need to decide on the focus and purpose, and then select speakers. She thinks Forge Virtual Studios would be a great place to hold the event.

## 7. EDC Member Reports & Adoptee Updates

- Member Candelas commented one of the bank's clients is planning on buying the building they are in and asked if there are any grants besides the Façade Grant which is only for those in TIF districts.
- Director Govind stated the TIFs are where the funds are; otherwise there are not funds for grants. She said Olde Salem is being encouraged to participate in the Façade Grant but unfortunately landlords often come up with excuses for not applying. Past recipients of the grant include A & A Music, Orale, Raiz Studios, and Chicago Pros.
- The Bartlett Area Chamber Member Appreciation breakfast is coming up on March 12
- Member Vargas complimented the Chamber's Casino Night and said it was a very fun event

## 8. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

- Director Govind said there has been a call for proposal for the south commuter lot, which was originally set for a 200 unit development. The project fell through but another developer could pick up where the original developer left off and build it since the zoning already been approved. So far we have received 4 proposals; three are still possibilities
- Eco Dev Coord. Boesel reminded the EDC that Restaurant Week is coming up and if anyone visits to please post on Hanover Park Eats or on their Facebook page to help promote
- Trustee Albuck said he went out each night to a different place for Restaurant Week in 2025. He recommended to be sure to let them know you are there *because of* Restaurant Week.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Transcribed by:



Kathy Sjodin, Admin. Assistant  
March 10, 2026



Gail Tobin - Chair