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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall – Room 214, Hanover Park, IL

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
12:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tobin called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Members: Steve Bessette, Edgar Candelas, Anita Komorski, Israel Vargas, Steven Zanfardino, Chair Tobin

ABSENT: Members: Bartlett Area Chamber, Classic Computer Systems, First Eagle Bank, WBDC

ALSO PRESENT: Assoc. Planner Subovitz, Eco Dev Coord. Burke, 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 May 12, 2026 seconded by member Vargas.

EDC members were introduced to Patrick Burke, our new Economic Development Coordinator.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-a. Spotlight on Business Recommendations

- EDC members suggested an article about fun things to do in Hanover Park
- Member Vargas suggested SB Wine & Spirits; they donated auction items for Centro de Informacion's Gala

6. NEW BUSINESS

6-a. Temporary Signage Discussion

- Planner Schwartz commented the pilot program was approved by the Village Board. The pilot program will be for one year. Applicants will be required to leave a \$250 deposit and may display the sign for up to 60 days after opening their new business
- Member Zanfardino commented that sometimes the feather signs are taken down but the post or base is left where it could be a tripping or bicycle hazard. The signs need to be placed far enough away from the sidewalk so they do not become a hazard.
- EDC members are in favor of the signs; businesses have been asking to be able to use "now open" signs so these signs should be helpful in gaining attention for their new business.

6-b. Business After Hours 2026

- The EDC narrowed down the date choices to Tuesday, September 15, 22, or 29
- The event will be held in the new Village Center on Ontarioville Road as it was in the past years

7. EDC Member Reports & Adoptee Updates

- D-Spot, the new dessert restaurant that will be going into the Neehee's building will be a vendor at Cops Day. They will have a bakery, coffee, ice cream and more at their location.
- Issa's Venezuelan will be at the July 31st Resilience Fair, hosted by Centro de Informacion.
- The Park District is having a new canvas top installed over the tennis/pickleball courts; a Capital Grant was used to fund the project.
- Member Zanfardino asked if Lake Street and Barrington Road will have a pedestrian connection, and Member Bessette asked the same question about Church Street. Planner Schwartz commented that a pedestrian connection at that intersection would be difficult to do safely, and would be very expensive. He said there will however be a bike bath installed.
- Member Zanfardino asked if the Verandah project will ever be completed. Trustee Albuck stated there are currently ongoing lawsuits against them. The situation is complicated he said.
- The Bartlett Area Chamber has hired someone to take Nan Gudenkauf's place; she will be starting on July 27th

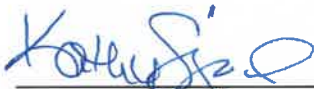
8. Development Updates

- Issa's would like to expand their parking lot; but they are not within the TIF 3 boundary.
- El Nayarita is now closed. The owners are also not opening the Metra train station coffee shop yet due to family issues.
- The Comp Plan is close to being in draft form. Another public meeting will be planned to announce it.
- Lot at Oak and Center Street – Jay LaGambina is planning to build homes there
- Shepard's Academy Daycare across from Village Hall is under construction
- The former LA Tan building will be a new restaurant possibly

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm

Transcribed by:



Kathy Sjojin, Sr. Admin. Assistant
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Gail Tobin - Chair