

Extracts of Arlington Economic Alliance Meeting Minutes

Regarding Modifications to Section 606-5 of the Village Code

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Whisler – Chairman
Jackie Lewis
Rex Paisley
Dave Parulo
Jon Ridler
Brian Roginski
Andi Ruhl
Parth Shaha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt Fink
Tony Guido

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Mertes – Business Development Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Driskell, Arlington Heights Memorial Library

Motion to Update Alliance Code Section

Dating back to the June Alliance meeting, members have requested the opportunity to provide the Village Board with greater input on prospective ordinances and resolutions that would affect the business community. The intent is to amend part “a” of Section 6-505 of the Village Code, which specifies the Alliance’s role and make-up. The Commission discussed the appropriate wording of the proposed Code section update that was initially approved in June, and made additional changes at this meeting in order to make a final recommendation to the Village Board.

JON RIDLER MOVED AND PARTH SHAHA SECONDED A MOTION TO CHANGE THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE COMMISSION, STATING:

TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPOINTIVE, ADVISORY BODY WHICH SHALL, AFTER DUE DELIBERATION, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MATTERS RELATING TO NEW ORDINANCES OR CHANGES TO EXISTING ORDINANCES THAT WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS.

THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE MAY REVIEW BUSINESS-RELATED ORDINANCES, PROGRAMS AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED NEW OR UPDATED PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL TO THE VILLAGE BOARD. VILLAGE STAFF WILL PRESENT INFORMATION TO THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE NEEDED FOR DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES OR APPROVAL OF SUPPORT. THE ALLIANCE MAY RESEARCH ANY EXISTING ORDINANCES, PROGRAMS, OR REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

ALL ALLIANCE MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Mr. Mertes confirmed that the approved minutes, which includes this motion, would be provided to the Village Board. He will update the Alliance on any feedback or direction from the Mayor and Trustees.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
HELD ON JUNE 20, 2018 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Whisler – Chairman
Matt Fink
Jackie Lewis
Rex Paisley
Dave Parulo
Jon Ridler
Brian Roginski
Andi Ruhl
Parth Shaha

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tony Guido
Lisa Henderson

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Mertes – Business Development Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT:

Mike Driskell, Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Joe Skibbie, Special Events Commission

Proposed Update to Economic Alliance Intent and Purpose

Chairman Whisler introduced this item stating that there have been Code changes in recent years that have impacted the Village's business community, many of which the Alliance has not been given the opportunity on which to present its opinions. The Alliance can offer insight, which it would like to bring to the table.

Mr. Ridler said that he met with the Mayor prior to this meeting. The Village Board is looking at the roles of every Commission. The Economic Alliance has the authority to make recommendations to the Village Board, and can provide input where appropriate. By modifying its Code section, the Commission can better provide this input and also offer endorsements to ordinances and policies that would benefit the business community.

In terms of examples where the Alliance could have weighed in, Chairman Whisler pointed out outdoor dining policy and allowing breweries/brewpubs. Mr. Parulo asked what the triggering mechanism would be; how would relevant issues be brought before the Alliance? Mr. Ridler responded that the Commission's Chairman would be made aware of new ordinances, programs, etc. The Chairman would then have the ability to place such items on a future Alliance agenda for discussion and potential recommendation. Furthermore, the Village Board would take a more proactive role in asking for the Commission's input. No petitioner would come before the Alliance. Rather, the Village Board would direct Staff to obtain a recommendation from the Commission.

Ms. Ruhl said that people would then need to remember to send these items to the Alliance. Mr. Parulo also said that the annual newsletter could list the items discussed by the Commission in the past year, and the recommendation that it made.

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ALL ALLIANCE MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

Chairman Whisler directed Staff to make the Economic Alliance aware of when this motion will be delivered to the Village Board. Mr. Mertes added that the Village Manager is reviewing the scope of responsibilities of all Commissions per the Village Board's request. The suggestion to change the Alliance's Code will be considered by him, along with any other scope changes to all Village Commissions. He will also be surveying all Commission members within the next month or so on their thoughts and any potential changes.