

**Village of Round Lake Beach  
Economic Development Standing Committee Minutes  
Monday, April 2, 2007**

- Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.
- Members Present: Chairperson Trustee Mount, Trustee Smith, Trustee Armstrong and Mayor Hill.
- Others in Attendance: Village Administrator Kilbane, Facilities Manager-Business Liaison Marr, Village Engineer Devery, Police Officer Grace, Planning Consultants Miller and Wildenberg.
- Approval of Agenda: Motion by Trustee Armstrong, second by Trustee Smith. Motion Carried.
- Approval of Minutes: Motion by Trustee Smith, second by Trustee Armstrong. Motion Carried.

**Agenda Items:**

Meadowgreen Subdivision

A concept plan for the installation of new lighting fixtures, and the replacement of picket fencing along Meadowgreen Drive with dense shrubbery, was reviewed and discussed. These potential changes within the subdivision are being considered as part of the Police Department's neighborhood policing and crime prevention activities. New lighting fixtures can help with an overall feeling of security as well as provide police officers a better view between buildings and along the subdivision perimeter. Ms. Shannon Haine, President of the Meadowgreen Homeowners Association, indicated that the improvements appear to be positive for the subdivision. TIF funds may be available for the proposed work. It was the consensus of the Committee to authorize staff to proceed further with this project, obtain cost estimates for construction, and to bring back the appropriate purchase contracts to the Village Board for consideration.

327 E. Rollins Road – Request to Extend Variation Approval

A request to extend variations previously authorized in September 2006 for this property was reviewed. Variations are valid for up to six (6) months unless a building permit is obtained and the construction is started within that time. It was the consensus of the Committee to place this matter on an upcoming Village Board agenda.

427 W. Rollins Road– Request to Extend Variation Approval

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## **Reports**

### **General Status of Development Projects**

The Committee discussed the status of numerous development projects throughout the community.

### **Civic Center Update**

Facilities Manager-Business Liaison Marr presented an update report for the Cultural & Civic Center. Items addressed in the report include: number and type of tours taken; events booked; events held and number of attendees; Foundation update and notes of upcoming events.

### **Other Business/Discussion**

Matters discussed included:

- Status of the former White Hen building on Cedar Lake Road;
- Removal of public hearing signs;
- Status of stores between Radio Shack and the former Ace Hardware;
- That Old Country Buffet is a restaurant often asked for in the community;
- Driveway widths related to TIF reconstruction projects, especially on corner side yards; and
- Rebuilding Together is scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Participation**

Mr. Joe Britmaker, 864 E. Amber Prairie Way, noted that his home is behind the Office Depot and he has a number of concerns related to a possible White Castle restaurant being located on property at Hook Drive and Rt. 83, including: 24 hour operation; noise from cars and outside speakers; lighting; garbage; odor; and traffic on Hook Drive. It was discussed that the property is zoned commercial and that these same concerns and other matters are reviewed at the time White Castle would apply for a special use permit.

Mr. Britmaker mentioned suggestions on other topics, including: adding a bike path along all of Hook Drive; adding sidewalks along all of Hook Drive; addition of a sidewalk along Rt. 83 connecting the High School to shopping areas; and whether enhancements may be available to increase the definition of PDFs on the Village website for better viewing.

A resident by the first name of Mary pointed out a concern for possible over-crowding in a home nearby. She also noted a concern for the busy traffic pattern at the Post Office driveway at certain times of day.

### **Executive Session**

None conducted as part of the ED Committee meeting.

**Adjournment** – 7:49 p.m.