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**CONECT COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting**

**Municipal Building, Room 214
2121 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

12:30 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Tobin called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

PRESENT: **Members:** Jeff Acks, Andrea Fox, Adam Cortes,
Mario Farfan, Phil McBride, Denis
Keserovic, Jean Lynn, Michelle
Macholl, Robert Ries, Ann Robinson,
Kevin Swan, Chairperson Gail Tobin

ABSENT: **Members:** Angela Ligocki, Patrick Kaveney, Bob
Morris, Mary Morrison, Allen
Silbernagel, Gayle Peneschi, Jon
Stickney

VILLAGE STAFF Trustee Jenni Konstanzer, Director
PRESENT Shubhra Govind, Secretary Regina
Mullen

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Motion by Member McBride to accept the Agenda, seconded by Member Swan.

Voice Vote:

All AYES.

Motion Carried: Agenda Accepted.

3. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS: None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4-a. Request to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2014.

Motion by Member McBride to approve the Minutes, seconded by Member Swan.

Voice Vote:

All AYES.

Motion Carried: Approved Minutes.

4-b. Request to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2014.

Motion by Member Macholl to approve the Minutes with noted correction to Scribner's error, seconded by Member Acks.

Voice Vote:

All AYES.

Motion Carried: Approved Minutes with noted correction.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

5-a. Receive & Discuss Business after Hours Event Report.

Members reviewed the report and added the following:

- Hold next year's event at the Park District
- Members like being able to offer alcohol however, firm plans must be made in advance regarding the cost associated with serving the alcohol and whether attendees would be required to purchase beer and/or wine.
- Increase member participation so the burden of holding the event does not fall on the same members doing all the work and members attend their event.
- One month before the event provide members with random business contact list to choose at least five businesses and act as a direct liaison with the businesses via phone call or face-to-face visits encouraging they attend this free networking event.
- Hire a professional photographer or a volunteer/student with an interest and skill in photography.

5-b. Review and consider approving updated CONECT Brochure.

Members liked the overall look of the brochure and made the following suggestions:

- Add a current photo of CONECT members. (Members were asked to be photo ready at their next meeting,)
- Update the Committee Mission statement.

5-c. Economic Development & Business Retention Work Plan

Director Govind presented her Economic Development Action Plan Goals in three sections: Business Recruitment, Business Retention, and Redevelopment.

At their next meeting this Committee will review a draft Business Retention Survey for local businesses to complete. Completed surveys will provide information for consideration to strengthen/improve business retention. Ways to market the survey to businesses included door to door, online, email and US Postal Services. Director

Govind requested Committee member participation by volunteering to assist in conducting this survey. Trustee Konstanzer volunteered to go door to door.

The goal would be a 20% response rate. Offering an incentive to businesses to complete the survey was mentioned.

Regarding Redevelopment Goals, a Developers' Breakfast could be offered, that would include a bus tour of available properties for development.

TOWNHALL SESSION: None.

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7-a. French Market Update

Staff has been working with the Park District and Leslie of Bensidoun Market to open a French Market from June 6 through August 29 at the Hanover Park Park District Parking Lot along Church Street. The Village and Park District Boards will be considering approval at their next meetings.

Opportunities to participate will be offered to Local businesses as well as businesses who regularly work these markets. The French Market to be held on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):None

8-a. Chamber Workplan: Executive Director Andrea Fox (Moved to 5/13/14)

8-b. Local Business Welcome Visits: Members Cortes, Farfan, Keserovic

- i. Barnes Distribution (A Business of MSC Industrial Supply Co.), Jacob Little Distribution Manager, 1575 Hunter Road, Unit B, 630.823.9000.
- ii. Nail Land, Cho Nguyen, 1218 Lake Street, 630.823.8141.
- iii. Flawless Cuts & Styles, Toney Montgomery and Vonell Canfair, 5650 Arlington Drive, 630.372.5423.
- iv. Los Gomez Restaurant, Vanessa Cervantes, 2011 Irving Park Road, 630.372.9462.
- v.

8-c. Development Update:

- **India Delight** – A Ribbon Cutting was held on April 3, 2014.
- **Harbor Freight Tools** – A Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for April 10, 2014.
- **Medical Marijuana** – At their Village Workshop of April 3rd the Board favored Dispensaries. The Village Board was not in favor of drive-thrus at these locations.
- **Fuji Films** – Is planning an interior remodel of \$1.8 million.
- **Hanover Square Shopping Center** – A Public Hearing will be held at the April 10, 2014. Development Commission meeting requesting a Special Use for an Education and Work Center be allowed at the Center.
- **Hanover Park Community Bank** – The Bank will be submitting plans to build a facility at the northwest corner of Walnut Avenue and Barrington

Road.

- **HiLighter Newsletter** – Be sure to check out the May/June *HiLighter* as we have added local business coupons and a listing of Community Events to its content along with other improvements. If you have any ideas on other information of value to our residents and businesses, please let us know.

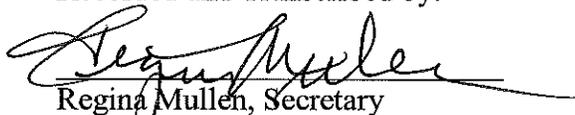
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** 1:50 p.m. Motion by Member Cortes to adjourn, seconded by Member Swan.

Voice Vote

ALL AYES.

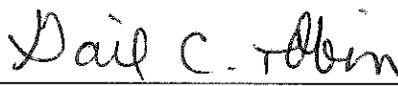
Motion Carried: Adjourned.

Recorded and Transcribed by:



Regina Mullen, Secretary
Community Development

On this 8th day of April, 2014



Gail Tobin, Chairperson