



# MINUTES

## Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

69 W. Washington-Pedway Conference Room

7/27/2017 8:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Males

### In Attendance

#### Special Guest Speaker

#### Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

#### EDAC Members

- Howard Males,  
**Chairman**
- Todd Cabanban
- Teresa Cordova
- David Day
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Teresa Faidley
- Kristin Faust
- Manny Flores
- Commissioner Jesus  
"Chuy" Garcia
- Andrew Geer
- Graham C. Grady
- Erin Grossi (Proxy)
- Christopher Jang
- Michael Jasso
- Sharon Legenza
- Phaedra Leslie
- Pam McDonough
- Karin Norington-Reaves  
(Phone)
- Rob Rose
- Edward Sitar
- Evonne Taylor
- William Towns
- Bob Tucker
- John Yonan
- Simone Weil (Proxy for  
Joseph Szabo)
- John Watson

#### BED Representatives

- Karl Bradley
- Veda Britt-Handy
- Sheryl Caldwell
- Susan Campbell
- Kayla Close  
**Summer Fellow**
- Mohammed Elahi
- Meisha Holmes
- Barbara Maloof
- Michael McMullin
- Courtney Peterson  
**Summer Fellow**
- Irene Sherr
- Jay Stewart
- Dominic Tocci

#### Guests

- Jonathan Buckner,  
**President's Office**
- Jaime Guzman,  
**Commissioner Garcia's  
Office**
- Ranjit Hakim, **Executive  
Director, Human Rights  
& Ethics**

### Public Comment

- Chairman Males announced that a quorum was present.
- Chairman Males opened the floor to public commentary. No members of the public made comments.

### Approval of 6.23.17 Minutes

- The June 23, 2017 Minutes were approved by EDAC.

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## Financial Tools and Incentives Subcommittee-Pam McDonough & Will Towns

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Financial Tools and Incentives Committee recommended action on the following project:

**Arc Properties, Ltd. Class 7c Application** – Sheryl Caldwell presented a summary of a Class 7c Incentive application for Arc Properties, Ltd. The applicant intends to clear the site at the subject property (220 & 230 Mannheim Road, Bellwood, IL) and construct a Burger King restaurant and drive-thru. **Simone Weil abstained from the vote. EDAC voted to recommend approval by the Cook County Assessor’s Office for Arc Properties, Ltd.’s Class 7c Application.**

**KJ Investors Group, Inc. Class 7c Application** – Sheryl Caldwell presented a summary of a Class 7c Incentive application for KJ Investors Group, Inc. The applicant intends to clear the site at the subject property (5700-5710 S. Harlem Ave., Summit, IL) and construct a Popeye’s restaurant and drive-thru. **Simone Weil abstained from the vote. EDAC voted to recommend approval by the Cook County Assessor’s Office for KJ Investors Group, Inc.’s Class 7c Application.**

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## Vote to Approve CDBG-DR Action Plan Amendment #5 and Federal Budget Update

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- Susan Campbell presented a technical amendment to the CDBG-DR Action Plan; she informed EDAC that a \$5.1 million project was miscategorized and needs to be moved to the correct project category in the Plan. **Andy Geer abstained from the vote. EDAC approved the amendment.**
- Michael Jasso updated EDAC regarding the proposed federal cuts to HUD, namely CDBG and HOME. Mr. Jasso informed all in attendance that Cook County was actively fighting the cuts through outreach with the public and elected officials, namely U.S. Representatives and Senators on appropriations committees. Mr. Jasso expressed that he is hopeful no major reductions will take place.

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## Remarks from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

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- President Preckwinkle delivered remarks to EDAC and thanked every member for their contributions to promoting economic development in Cook County. President Preckwinkle discussed the many challenges she faces as she continues to lead Cook County into better economic health.

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## Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males

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- Chairman Males thanked President Preckwinkle for attending EDAC; he also thanked her for her leadership and for sharing her vision for the continued economic growth of Cook County.

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## Overview and Discussion of Cook County’s Minimum Wage Ordinance and Regulations-Ranjit Hakim, Executive Director, Cook County Commission on Human Rights

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- Ranjit Hakim gave a presentation on the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance, which was passed by the County Board in October 2016. After the presentation, Mr. Hakim answered questions that EDAC had about the ordinance.

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## Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

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9/29/2017 8:00 AM 69 W. Washington, Pedway Conference Room

Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.