

**Minutes of the
Economic Development Committee Meeting
Village of Williamsville, Illinois
January 25, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairperson Valerie Patterson.

Trustees Present: Valerie Patterson, Mike Barnett, Lisa White

Guests: David May

The purpose of the meeting was to 1) review a Downtown Improvement Program application submitted by David May 2) discuss Route 66 Wayside Exhibit potential location.

David May submitted an application for the DIP 50% matching grant. His project represents improvements that include nine double hung vinyl windows for the second story, one window for the first floor, and costs associated with the installation of a glass door for the west side public entrance.

The estimated project cost is \$4,253. DIP 50% matching grant would be \$2,126.50. The DIP budget for 2010 is \$9,000. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the project be approved by the Village Board.

David May was thankful for the recommendation. He asked the committee to review the Downtown Improvement Program in regard to his desire to submit an additional application. He noted that it would be a project for a different property that he owns. The committee will review the program requirements and get back with David.

In discussing the Route 66 Wayside Exhibit location, the following options were discussed:

1. Community Center, SW corner
2. Public Library
3. Route 66 Park

General consensus was that it made more sense to place the marker closer to the downtown area of Williamsville in order to draw potential customers to downtown business. All locations would require development of the exhibit – approx. a 12x12 concrete pad (circular or square), a bench or two, and landscape material. This development represents the Village's "in-kind" contribution to the marker's cost.

The marker will tell the story of how Route 66 contributed to "entrepreneurialism" in small towns as well as the unique attire of service station employees at the time. Employees wore bow ties, hats, and had a clean-cut presentation. The businesses likely to be represented on the marker include those located where Caldwell Woodworks and Smith Hardwoods exist.

No specific location was agreed upon and will be discussed again later.

Meeting was concluded at 6:26 p.m.