

**Comprehensive Plan
Steering Committee (SPSC)
Village of Godfrey
Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Mager at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 6810 Godfrey Road, Godfrey, Illinois 62035

Roll Call:

Ben Allen, Amy Cress, Steve Koeller, Mark Lorch, Jill Lane, Rick Lauschke, Karen McAtee, Dennis O’Neal, George Provenzano, John Roberts, Jennifer Russell, Virginia Woulfe-Beile, Jim Mager, and Mary Mager (Scribe).

Minutes were accepted as presented. Motion to approve made by Steve Koeller, seconded by Jennifer Russell. Motion carried.

Dr. Jill Lane gave an extensive presentation on the resources and attributes that Lewis and Clark Community College contributes to Godfrey’s quality of life and commerce. Her approximately 45 minute presentation offered highlights as follows:

- Education with low cost and low student debt
- Over 150 articulation agreements with four-year institutions
- Programs are nationally accredited
- Dual-credit programs
- College for Kids
- Non-credit courses
- Cultural programming
- Engineering program partnership with U of I

After the presentation on LCCC, a general conversation continued as to the future of Godfrey. The summation is as follows:

- The comprehensive plan should include the development of a “town center.”
 - Center should be “centrally” located on Godfrey Road
 - The north end of community would contain businesses that would be suited for “interstate” highway commerce.
- There should be consideration of selling the current Village Hall property and relocating it to the new “town center.”
 - Use the sale of the current property to “prime-the-pump” for future development.
- The aesthetics of the “town center” should reflect the ambience of LCCC; and the Village should encourage such facade development.
- With development of the “town center” there will be increased traffic flow on Godfrey Road, which will create both opportunities and challenges.

- A presentation/meeting with IDOT officials would be beneficial.
- Successful national brands should be recruited and there should be a determination of what those brands desire in a community.
- Godfrey might consider “positioning” itself as a “college town.”
- Godfrey should be “preparing” for the influx of workers that will be locating in the region as a result of the “rail development” in Jerseyville.

Next meeting will be August 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jim Mager

Director of Economic Development