**Bloomingdale Economic Development Commission (EDC) Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 9/26/2019

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Present:**

* John Graziano - Lisa Bendel
* S. Nadia Hussain - Suzanne Osborne
* Jen Ellis - Mike Rudge
* Michele Reynolds

**Absent With Notice:**

* Elisa Kolenut - Anne Sundstrom
* Stephen Tomaskovic

**Meeting Discussion:**

* Approved August meeting minutes.
* Elisa Kolenut provided the Treasurers update via e-mail prior to the meeting.
* Discussed social media networking class. Will be held on 11/6 at 6:30 in Council Chambers. Can have sign in at Pride Day. John Graziano to ask Elisa to draft the flyer for the event.
* Prepared the schedule and tasks for Pride Day. At our booth the message will be explaining the good businesses we have in town, will spread the word about the social media networking class to business owners, and will ask attendees to post reviews for businesses in town on site such as Google Reviews.
* Tabled Main St. banners for the next month’s meeting.
* Social Media – will reach out to Break the Image and see if we have any lessons left. Reiterated the fact to like images and continue to track What’s Happening Bloomingdale. We should also leave Yelp, Google Reviews, etc.
* Ribbon cutting ceremonies: A jewelry store opened near Ward’s Plaza. Jen Ellis to reach out and inquire if they would like a ribbon cutting ceremony.
* New business: Mike Rudge brought up the topic of “Touch a Truck” which has been held in neighboring owns. Proposed sponsoring this event for Bloomingdale. It will be a kid friendly event where children can climb on the trucks. Two event locations were proposed; Walter T. Bergen and Wells Fargo. The EDC can invite local business owners who own interesting trucks to show case them and advertise their businesses. Businesses such as Tilcon, Gray’s Electric, Rudge Automotive in addition to the Police, Fire Department, and DPW yard were mentioned. Proposed that we hold the event in the spring on a Sunday. Proposed April 26th. EDC to invite food trucks and sponsor a DJ as well.