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

**Meeting Date:** 2/27/2025

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Zoom/Council Chambers

**Present:**

* John Graziano
* Michele Reynolds
* Elisa Kolenut
* Leanne Scaturro
* Jenniffer Hagin
* Jessy Redondo
* Theresa Merino

**Absent:**

* Alex Delannoy
* Marisa French
* Nadia Hussain
* Casey Morgan

**Meeting Discussion:**

* Approval of January Minutes
  + January minutes were approved
* Bloomingdale Celebration Day planning – Sept. 20, 2025
  + Michele Reynolds to find out if we can use the tables and chairs from St. Anthonys
  + Theresa Merino completed a vendor agreement for all vendors to sign and return to hold a spot at the event.
  + Theresa Merino & Jen Hagin are working together on craft and food vendors
  + All vendors will be required to pay the $25 fee, which is new this year. The only groups that are exempt are borough groups (i.e Library, PD, FD, Rec Dept., etc)
  + The Commission discussed the rides that were available the previous year (bounce house, obstacle course). The cost for wrist bands has been expensive in the past. Commission talked about ways to lower the cost or eliminate.
    - Leanne Scaturro & Michele Reynolds to reach out to additional vendors to see if they have “pay to play” options like the current vendor the borough contracts for the event.
    - Leanne Scaturro to reach out to Rec Dept. about having adult games available, like corn hole, kan jam, etc.
  + John Graziano to follow up with Alex about “Angry Dad Brewing” as a possible beer vendor at the event. \*\*UPDATE – Angry Dad Brewing is no longer in business
* Bites of Bloomingdale
  + Theresa Merino confirmed that River of Beer agreed to be featured as part of Bites of Bloomingdale. Jessy Redondo agreed to help with editing and filming if needed.
  + Leanne Scaturro took photos at Cinco De Mayo and Jessy was able to make a Reel that was posted to What’s Happening Bloomingdale?
  + Jessey Redondo also spoke to Thai Jasmine & Rio Lindo about the possibility of videos/photos
  + Jenniffer Hagin volunteered for Guan Long.
* New Business
  + New sidewalks expansion to begin soon for corner of Reeve Ave/Main Street – in front of Foodtown mall & 3D Pets/Dive
  + New Bogue Pond playground demo and install to begin in March.
  + Commission discussed a grand opening event for Bogue Pond park once the playground is done. Also discussed was a “We’re Open” campaign while work is being done in front of the business on Main Street during sidewalk expansion, so residents know that the stores are open during construction.
* Ribbon Cutting ceremonies
  + Art Gallery & Framing store has store front in Wards Plaza