

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2012
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Bill Shanklin, Diane McGinnis, Nicola Lostumbo, Maryann Gorski, Rich Reichert, Don Meyers, Steve Moskal, Trisha Hall

Absent: Bill Huber, Dan Leahy

Also Present: Kevin York, Tom Paravola, Jim Grabowski, Than Werner, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of February 24, 2012 were approved as submitted.

EDC expansion from 12 to 15 commissioners is still pending via the DPZ Committee of the City Council. Commissioners Warnke and Moskal will have their terms end in April 2012. The Mayor will be requested to re-appoint them to new three year terms with consent of the City Council.

Jim Grabowski updated the EDC on items related to the new Mariano's Fresh Market, the Addison deck project, phase 2 status for the three, new, proposed TIF districts and sidewalk café issues. Kurt thanked the several commissioners who were able to attend the Mariano's announcement event.

The EDC received a retention visit summary report indicating that some 277 such visits have been made to date. 8 visits were reported with 4 more pending.

This year's Broker Tour will be held on May 9, 2012. More details forthcoming and the EDC will be invited to attend.

Don Meyers is working with the City on the business park signage proposed for Industrial Drive and Church Road. Don hopes the signs may be up by the end of May.

Within Other Business, Steve Moskal asked about the North York TIF perhaps assisting with sidewalks and general bike and pedestrian safety and convenience issues in that general area. Than Werner and Jim responded. Mark Sabatino inquired about the City ordinances pertaining to cigarette butts and other smoking-related matters. Again, Than and Jim responded.

The next EDC meeting is set for April 27, 2012.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.