

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2013  
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Jason Janes, Rich Reichert, Bill Shanklin, Trisha Hall, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Don Meyers, Bill Huber

Absent: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Maryann Gorski, Diane McGinnis, Steve Moskal, Kurt Schiele, Nicola Lostumbo, Dan Leahy

Also Present: Kevin York, Mike Kopp, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, James Grabowski, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order by Vice Chair, Mark Sabatino, at 7:30 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of February 22, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Commission issues reviewed included an EDC goals and agenda item priorities document (will be shared in a separate email), thoughts on some EDC re-structuring and upcoming expiring terms of seven commissioners in April. Broad discussion ensued on these items including the possibility of some special meetings and a move to sub-committees within the EDC covering specialty interests and expertise of commissioners. These items will have further review as will the commissioner terms over the next several weeks with updates provided as determined. Absent commissioners are invited to share thoughts on the goals and agenda items with Mike Kopp and Ken Bartels.

Jim Grabowski informed the EDC that the TIF4 inter-governmental agreement with School District 205 was approved by the School Board and will go to the City Council for approval on April 1, 2013. The 2013, eight-month, transition budget is progressing. The City will go to a full, calendar-year budget for 2014. There is tentatively \$17,000 in EDC assistance funding in the 2013 budget.

Mike Kopp led the EDC in a discussion of the North York TIF consultant RFP document. Commissioners and others present shared several comments including mentioning proximity to O'Hare International Airport, expanded infrastructure demands, land utilization, the complexity of this large of a TIF, increased references and the desire for green initiatives. Other thoughts can also be shared with Mike.

Mike also informed the EDC on the possibility of an Elmhurst-based "technology innovation center". This is being pursued by staff and other outside representatives as it relates to creating a business plan, seeking private investors and possible locations. Mike asked that an EDC Ad-Hoc Committee also be formed on this idea and Barbara Rieske-Schau, Jason Janes and Tom Paravola offered to assist Mark, Kurt Warnke, Mike and Ken.

A discussion on the "Got It" campaign was held with John Quigley providing insights and answering questions. Additional campaign funding is pending within the 2013 City budget. The Chamber and the City are also likely to co-host an IDOT presentation on the western access plan in the near future.

Due to the length of the meeting retention visit reports were deferred to the April EDC meeting.

The next EDC meeting will be April 26, 2013.

The EDC adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.