

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of June 28, 2013
City Hall – Conference Room 2

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

Absent: Barbara Rieske-Schau, Kurt Schiele

Also Present: Steve Morley, Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Than Werner, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Kevin Leighty, Ken Bartels

The EDC meeting was called to order by Kurt Warnke, Chair at 7:32 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of May 24, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Mayor Steve Morley mentioned the excitement in the City over the new Mariano's Fresh Market opening and that other developers are in strong contact on other ideas for that area and throughout Elmhurst.

Ken Bartels reported that Commissioner Rieske-Schau's re-appointment was completed. Mayor Morley then indicated that the re-appointments of Commissioners Shanklin, McGinnis, Meyer and Huber would be happening shortly. Ken also mentioned that he would be reviewing existing applications of people interested in being appointed to the EDC and that everyone should also be thinking about our two vacancies and who they might nominate or suggest. Mark Sabatino indicated that at the July EDC meeting we should have a further discussion on the EDC districts that were approved earlier in the year including how they might dovetail with Chamber activities.

Mike Kopp shared the details of the Ad-Hoc Committee's meeting of June 7, 2013 on the matter of an Elmhurst Innovation Center. The outcome was to pursue the concept of such a center locally which we will be doing but also to explore the idea again with Choose DuPage, something that we had spent some time on before. Subsequently, Mike attended a Choose DuPage meeting on the subject on June 14, 2013. Choose DuPage has hired a consultant, Neil Kane, to coordinate this idea and to look at all the details for DuPage County, how many, where, requirements, financing, etc. Mike and Ken will monitor this going forward.

Mike also reported that that a review team of Commissioners Warnke, Sabatino, Shanklin as well as Ken, Kevin Leighty and he met with five potential consultants wanting to do the North York (TIF4) Plan. Two of the five were targeted to make presentations on their proposals to the Development, Planning & Zoning Committee of the City Council on July 8, 2013.

Mike led a lengthy discussion on the status and disposition of the Addison LLC deck project. The Zoning & Planning Commission report is now on the City web site. They voted the conditional use request down unanimously. That report is now going to the DPZ Committee of the City Council. The City Centre Board will be composing a letter stating their position on the project in the future. The Chamber Board will be doing the same. The EDC will do so as well. Given the timing of the project over the next several months, the EDC will have time to consider its overall position on the project and include addressing the

ZPC report's considerations. The discussion was dominated by thoughts shared on maximizing the parking component, endorsement of the potential size of the project, its retail area's importance and supporting the notion that the project is vital to the City Centre into the years ahead. This item will be on the EDC's July 26, 2013 agenda for additional discussion and possible action.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Signage will be meeting after today's EDC meeting with a report in July on its progress to date.

Given the length of the previous agenda item's discussion the retention visits were deferred until the July meeting.

Ken reported that the Retail Business Forum on June 5, 2013 at the Wilder Mansion was a success. A strong attendance and a quality one as well was in place. Mike then asked about the potential of considering a "women in business" forum sponsored by the EDC? Ken will coordinate a meeting with Commissioners Hall, McGinnis and Gorski to pursue this. John Quigley updated the group on the latest on pension reform in Springfield.

Our next EDC meeting will be July 26, 2013.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.