

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2013
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Jason Janes, Maryann Gorski, Steve Moskal, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Kurt Schiele, Rich Reichert

Absent: Bill Shanklin, Trisha Hall, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Nicola Lostumbo, Bill Huber, Dan Leahy

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

The EDC was called to order at 7:36 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of December 28, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Kurt Warnke reported on a conversation that he had with Alderman Norm Leader regarding the EDC working more proactively with the City Council. Kurt felt this was a very positive conversation. Mention was made of the State of Our City event held on January 15, 2013 at the Community Bank of Elmhurst. The event will be available for viewing on local cable television during February and also will be found at www.elmhursttv.com. Also mentioned was that the Chamber's Annual Meeting event is tonight at Diplomat West.

Jim Grabowski provided an update on the Elgin-O'Hare planning and how it involves Elmhurst in 2016-17 with a southbound exit from I-294. He also mentioned City budget planning is underway for the shortened year of May 2013-December 2013 as the City prepares to go to a calendar year budgeting cycle beginning in January 2014. This will better align with levy decisions and project planning going forward. Mike Kopp updated the EDC on the Hahn Street RFP process, the brief delay on the Addison deck project and possible EDC funding within the next City budget that would allow for the EDC to determine specific efforts that it might wish to sponsor or promote.

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion regarding possible EDC priorities during 2013. Included in the discussion were Hahn Street review and recommendations, an office-broker forum event to augment our previously done forums, input into the North York TIF plan, signage changes, retention visits, stressing public-private partnerships where possible, coordination with the Zoning & Planning Commission where helpful, EDC site visit meetings within Elmhurst and beyond and continued involvement with the "Got It" program.

There were five retention visits reported.

Mention of the possible merger of Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, continuing power disruption issues, and the importance of the internet to local sales were discussed under other business. It was also mentioned that the Ad Hoc Committee on Signage Review would be meeting after the EDC adjourned.

The next EDC meeting will be on February 22, 2013 with an Ad Hoc Committee on Signage Review again afterwards.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. Submitted by Ken Bartels