

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of August 23, 2013
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Bill Shanklin, Maryann Gorski, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Kurt Schiele, Bill Huber, Diane McGinnis, Steve Moskal, Rich Reichert

Absent: Jason Janes, Don Meyers, Trisha Hall

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

The EDC meeting was called to order by Kurt Warnke, Chair, at 7:34 a.m.

The EDC Minutes for both the June 28, 2013 and July 26, 2013 meetings were approved as submitted.

Kurt reported that Mayor Morley would be re-appointing Commissioners Shanklin, McGinnis and Meyers to new three year terms and Commissioner Huber to a new two year term very soon. He also indicated that he and Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, would be interviewing two individuals soon pertaining to the two open commissioner positions on the EDC at the present time. Kurt also commented on commissioner attendance asking that anyone unable to attend the regular meetings to please be in contact with himself or Ken Bartels prior to missing. Some missed meetings are to be expected but overall attendance and participation must stay at high levels in order for the EDC to complete its work and its service to the City.

Mike Kopp updated the EDC on the North York TIF 4 consultant selected, Houseal Lavigne Associates of Chicago. They are engaged and there will be a steering committee selected to work closely with them including two members of the EDC as well as Mike and Ken. Interested commissioners should be in contact with Mike. The steering committee may meet six times or so and HLA may choose to visit a future EDC meeting for input. HLA should complete its report to the City Council by March 2014. There are five Hahn Street proposals being vetted by City Staff. On September 9 and 10, 2013, the five firms will be presenting to the City Council.

The EDC then moved and seconded a resolution on the Addison LLC redevelopment proposal. After considerable discussion and with one minor change, the resolution as presented was passed. Mike made the revision and the resolution was signed by the EDC Chair. It will go to the City Council when they discuss the future of the site at a meeting on August 26, 2013. Kurt plans to be at that meeting as well. All commissioners are invited also. (The resolution was in the pre-meeting email packet).

Maryann Gorski shared the planning thus far on the Women's Seminar. It will likely be yet this Fall and at the Wilder Mansion. Subject matter is marketing and networking. There was discussion on possible partnering with the Elmhurst Chamber or other city groups doing similar things. The Ad-Hoc Committee will meet again soon to review and plan further. Mike told the EDC of Choose DuPage's pursuit of a innovation center idea that may not include an Elmhurst site. That said, the Elmhurst Ad-Hoc Committee will reconvene and determine whether we should continue to try for a site locally anyway. Lastly, Ken indicated that the signage Ad-Hoc Committee would be meeting later this morning and would report in September.

There were ten retention visits reported.

The District Captains and 2014 Planning ideas agenda items were extended to the September 27, 2013 meeting. John Quigley commented on a revisiting of a certificates of origin/ certificates program used by chambers to assist foreign trade.

The next EDC meeting is set for September 27, 2013.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.