

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2013
City Hall – Conference Room 2

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

Absent: Barbara Rieske-Schau

Also Present: Kevin York, Than Werner, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order at 7:34 a.m.

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

Kurt Warnke opened the meeting with action items pertaining to Commissioner reappointments. Commissioners Dan Leahy and Nicola Lostumbo are leaving the EDC effective at this meeting. Motion made/seconded that the EDC express its' appreciation to both men for their service to the EDC and the City of Elmhurst. Motion Passed.

Barbara Rieske-Schau, an EDC appointment to the commission, requires reappointment. Motion made/seconded to recommend a three year appointment to the EDC subject to approval by the City Council. Motion Passed.

William Shanklin, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers and William Huber are mayoral appointments to the EDC that require reappointment. Motion made/seconded that Commissioners Shanklin, McGinnis and Meyers be appointed for three year terms and William Huber for a two year term to the EDC subject to mayoral recommendation and approval by the City Council. Motion Passed.

These five reappointments and their noted required action will be pursued by ACM Mike Kopp.

These actions create the following term sequences for EDC Commissioners: Through April 30, 2014...Trisha Hall, Rich Reichert, Mark Sabatino, Maryann Gorski, Jason Janes; Through April 30, 2015...Kurt Warnke, Steve Moskal, Kurt Schiele, Bill Huber, (Open); Through April 30, 2016...Bill Shanklin, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Barbara Rieske-Schau, (Open).

Noted for the minutes that we now have two, open slots for new EDC commissioners and we should be thinking about candidates for those slots.

Kurt and Mark Sabatino also proposed that the EDC divide itself into five geographic district sub-committees for purposes of retention visits and overall EDC duties as identified. Suggested districts and members as follows: 1. Northwest District...Moskal, Schiele, Meyers. 2. North

York District...Hall, Shanklin, (Open). 3. Central District...Warnke, Sabatino, Rieske-Schau. 4. Southeast District...Gorski, Janes, Huber. 5. Southwest District...Reichert, McGinnis, (Open). It was further suggested that the district members determine their "captain" and share that selection with Kurt and Ken Bartels.

Other EDC ad-hoc committees may also be needed and formed from time to time. Currently there are two, the Ad-Hoc Committee on Signage Review made up of Warnke, Moskal, Meyers, Quigley, Paravola, Kopp, Werner and Bartels and the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Elmhurst Innovation Center made up of Warnke, Sabatino, Rieske-Schau, Janes, Paravola, Kopp and Bartels.

The plan will also be to have three guest speakers at selected EDC meetings in 2013 and some off-site meetings as well. The District sub-committees can provide input from their areas for both of these items.

A city update covered the North York Plan RFP and the EDC's eventual review role with it. A special EDC meeting may be needed for this review discussion in May or June. Hahn Street RFP status, Addison deck ZPC determination, EDC budget inclusion, recent business closures and openings and a general discussion on the recent flooding within Elmhurst comprised the update.

There were five retention visits reported.

The Retail Broker Forum event will now likely be held on June 5, 2013 with details forthcoming.

John Quigley reported on state legislation issues on economic development, minimum wage and a Springfield trip planned for May 20, 2013 by the Chamber. He also reported on "Got It" funding. There was a general discussion on the effects on local businesses posed by the still emerging items comprising the "affordable care act".

The next EDC meeting will be on May 24, 2013.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels