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Elmhurst Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2012 City Hall, Conference Room 2

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Bill Shanklin, Kurt Schiele, Jason Janes, Maryann Gorski, Steve Moskal, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Bill Huber, Dan Leahy

Absent: Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Rich Reichert, Trisha Hall, Barbara Riekse-Schau, Nicola Lostumbo

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

The EDC was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

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

All Commissioners and staff associated with the EDC must complete Open Meetings Act Training by December 31, 2012 via the Illinois Attorney General's web site. Please act on this request ASAP.

All three new Commissioners were visited by Ken Bartels since our last meeting and briefed and updated on the EDC.

Kurt Warnke again thanked Dan Leahy for his coordinative role with the Industrial Broker Tour this past October 11, 2012 in the North Business Park. Dan and Mike Kopp shared multiple positive comments from attending brokers and the plan will be to do this event annually in the Fall. The Retail Broker event will continue as a Spring event.

Greg Bedalov of Choose DuPage, the county's economic development organization, will be a guest at the EDC meeting on November 30, 2012. Addison LLC plans are going on to the Zoning & Planning Commission for review. Hahn Street RFP time line is being determined. The EDC will also review Hahn Street ideas in November.

Than Werner asked for an ad hoc group from within the EDC to begin to review and consider existing regulations for commercial signage within Elmhurst at the request of the City's DPZ Committee. These regulations were last reviewed in 1992. Ad Hoc volunteers were: Kurt Warnke, Don Meyers, Steve Moskal, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels and Mike Kopp. A meeting will be called by Than Werner.

There were seven retention visits reported.

John Quigley updated the EDC on the "Got It" campaign in Elmhurst including a handout on what other communities have been doing in this regard. Than mentioned a successful ICSC Conference in

Chicago that he and Cathy Maloney attended. Kurt was also there. ICSC is the International Council of Shopping Centers. Diane McGinnis answered questions on the plans for the former Elmhurst Hospital campus on Berteau Avenue. Recently a developer declined to continue in their pursuit of an assisted living facility on three acres of the site due to “the City’s building codes being too tough”. In thirteen months the new cancer center will be open at the new hospital site and at that point the entire Berteau campus will be vacant. Neither the hospital, the City nor the neighborhood thinks that is positive.

The next EDC meeting will be a week later than usual due to Thanksgiving on November 30, 2012.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.