

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of November 30, 2012
City Hall, Conference Room 2**

Present: Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Bill Shanklin, Jason Janes, Maryann Gorski, Steve Moskal, Don Meyers, Rich Reichert, Trisha Hall, Barbara Riekse-Schau

Absent: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Kurt Schiele, Diane McGinnis, Bill Huber, Dan Leahy, Nicola Lostumbo

Also Present: Greg Bedalov, Choose DuPage, Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Than Werner, Tom Paravola, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order by Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, at 7:33 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of October 26, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Mike Kopp introduced Greg Bedalov, President and CEO of Choose DuPage. Greg shared the founding principles and current priorities for CD. It is the economic development organization for the county but it is not a county agency. It is a 501 (c) 6 not-for-profit and has an independent board. Greg stressed that "Elmhurst is a strong city for economic development and already partners with CD on a regular basis." CD is working on the western access to O'Hare project, partnering with all the municipalities in the county, markets the county nationwide, and attends numerous trade shows to promote the county and its' cities. He mentioned that a "1871-like innovation concept" for the county is being pursued and that Elmhurst is a leading location candidate.

Ken Bartels reminded the commissioners that only 8 of 15 have completed the required OMA training through the Illinois Attorney General's Office. This training must be completed by December 31, 2012.

Mike updated the EDC on Mariano's progress, the interim mayor process to take place on December 3, 2012, the Hahn Street RFP plan for early January 2013, and the Addison LLC. Than Werner reminded selected commissioners and members that the Ad-Hoc Signage Ordinance meeting would be immediately after this EDC meeting.

There were 9 retention visits noted.

The EDC meeting schedule for 2013 was shared.

John Quigley shared the new Elmhurst Chamber directory, selected news information, and information on the "Got It" campaign.

The next EDC meeting will be on December 28, 2012.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.