

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of November 22, 2013  
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

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

Absent: Barbara Rieske-Schau, Bill Huber

Also Present: James Grabowski, John Quigley, Ken Bartels, Kevin Leighty

The EDC meeting was called to order by Kurt Warnke, Chair, at 7:36 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of October 25, 2013 were approved as submitted.

The EDC welcomed new Commissioner Tim Ricordati from Elmhurst College. The EDC is now at its full slate of 15 members.

The City Update included the current status of the two Hahn Street developer proposals, the Houseal-Lavigne ongoing community-based interviews pertaining to the North York TIF4, the Addison Deck and its likely movement on to the ZPC in early 2014 and the status of the City's 2014 budget and its approval process in December. The City expects to learn shortly who will be buying the Dominick's store at Elmhurst Crossings. Chick-Filet should open in February 2014.

There was a discussion on the signage issues in the City currently particularly electronic signs. The EDC will ask Than Werner to join us in December for a full update.

The proposed EDC Districts concept continues to move forward. The next step will be to finalize the lists of existing businesses for each of the five Districts. This should be done for our January meeting as it stands now. Mark Sabatino led a brief discussion of 2014 EDC "ideas". We will continue to have guests from time to time and we will be planning several business-based meetings with Kurt Schiele and Diane McGinnis offering to host. Obviously, we will also continue our collaborations with the Elmhurst Chamber. Bill Shanklin expressed an interest in having the new business and retention letters that Cathy Maloney shared at our last meeting available via email for commissioners to use. Jim Grabowski will check with Mike Kopp on this.

Maryann Gorski again shared that the Women's Seminar will be held on February 18, 2014 at Wilder Mansion and that Julie Travers will provide a program on marketing. More details to come.

There were ten retention visits shared.

John Quigley mentioned a new web site from Choose DuPage on health care information [www.enrolldupage.com](http://www.enrolldupage.com) and that new Chamber Community Directories had been mailed to over 19,000 addresses in Elmhurst. He also noted that the annual State of Our City event, held at Community Bank of Elmhurst, will be on January 28, 2014.

Next EDC meeting will be December 27, 2013

The EDC adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels