

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, January 24, 2014  
City Hall, Conference Room 2**

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice-Chair, Diane McGinnis, Rich Reichert, Trisha Hall, Don Meyers, Tim Ricordati, Maryann Gorski, Kurt Schiele, John Poulos, Bill Huber

Absent: Bill Shanklin, Jason Janes, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Steve Moskal

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

Kurt Warnke, Chair, called the EDC to order at 7:34 a.m.

The Minutes for the EDC meeting of December 27, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Ken Bartels noted that Commissioners due for re-appointment in April 2014 are: Mark Sabatino, Trisha Hall, Rich Reichert, Maryann Gorski and Jason Janes. Jason is an EDC appointee, the other four are mayoral appointees. Ken will be in contact to discuss individual interest in continuing EDC service with all five.

It was also noted that some Commissioners will be in attendance at the State of Our City event on January 28, 2014 sponsored by the Chamber and the Community Bank of Elmhurst.

Kevin Leighty shared with the EDC the status of the EDC Districts effort. He showed some 1,000+ businesses that will be provided electronically to Commissioners broken down by the five previously shared districts. This is still a work in progress as we look at the business numbers and the district boundaries. It is, however, a start, and Commissioners can begin to use this as they form district plans and calling. This listing, coupled with the regular retention report, will provide Commissioners greater detail than they have ever had to do their work. The retention list itself will also be undergoing some update.

Mike Kopp reported that the Addison Deck ZPC meetings will continue on January 30, 2014 with public comment. Commissioners will be present to comment on behalf of the EDC which is on record as being supportive of the deck project as currently presented (six stories/690 spaces). The Addison Deck is seen as critically important to the future development of multiple projects within City Centre. By the end of February, perhaps, the project may make it to the City Council. Hahn Street will be on the City Council agenda for January 27, 2014 as they move on determining which of two developers/proposals they may wish to select. The North York Plan Steering Committee will hopefully meet in late February to hear Houseal-Lavigne's findings to date.

The Women in Management seminar, sponsored by the EDC, is moving forward very well toward its February 18, 2014 date at the Wilder Mansion from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Invitations in multiple forms are out, personal visits are being made, and RSVPs are being received. Thanks to Commissioners Diane McGinnis, Trisha Hall and Maryann Gorski for their efforts. All EDC members are encouraged to attend.

There were four retention visits reported.

General discussion was conducted on the situations pertaining to the closed Dominick's, the closed toy store, and the disposition of the hospital's Berteau site. Commissioner Kurt Schiele provided some Chicago Auto Show tickets to those interested and promoted the "First Look for Charity" event at the show on February 7, 2014. Tom Paravola asked that the agenda for the next EDC meeting include discussion of parameters and standards, if any, for City business recruitment efforts, for the City as a whole and for specific areas such as the City Centre. Mike Kopp suggested that such discussion might include consideration of obtaining a gap analysis at some point.

The next EDC meeting will be on Friday, February 28, 2014.

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

Submitted by Ken Bartels.