

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, March 28, 2014
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Diane McGinnis, Rich Reichert, Trisha Hall, Don Meyers, Tim Ricordati, John Poulos, Bill Shanklin, Jason Janes, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Steve Moskal, Bill Huber

Absent: Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Maryann Gorski, Kurt Schiele

Also Present: Steve Morley, Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Tom Paravola, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

Kurt Warnke, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

The Minutes of the EDC meeting of February 28, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Kurt welcomed Mayor Steve Morley to the meeting.

Commissioners Sabatino, Gorski, Reichert and Hall have indicated that they would like to be considered for re-appointment to the EDC for three years by the mayor when their terms expire on April 30, 2014. To be considered they need to update or re-file their commission/committee application on the City's web site. Commissioner Janes will not be able to continue on the EDC. His position is an EDC appointment directly to the City Council also expiring on April 30, 2014. Ken Bartels is reviewing potentials within City-filed applications but if any member of the EDC has names to suggest please send them to Ken.

The Elmhurst Chamber's business to business EXPO is on May 22, 2014 at the Diplomat. The EDC will have a display table at the EXPO and may be asked to participate in the business program as well. John Quigley and Ken will work out the details. Commissioners willing to work a part of the time at the EDC table should let Ken know. The EDC has purchased a pull-up banner for use at such places (shown to the EDC).

The Retail Broker Event, managed by Cathy Maloney, will be held on June 25, 2014 at the Wilder Mansion. Kurt asked that the invitation list, when created, be run by the EDC leadership.

Mike Kopp reported on several items: The Addison LLC deck project design concept was shown to the EDC. The plan, approved by the ZPC with a 6-3 vote now is at the DPZ Committee of the City Council. They will eventually send it to the City Council for review and a vote. The number of floors is still not final. The EDC, the Chamber and the City Centre Board are all on public record as supporting the project. Continued attendance at review meetings by the business community is requested. The North York Plan draft is being created by Houseal-Lavigne and should be ready in about two months. Mike also shared a concept plan for the Waverton site that is pending. The former Lincoln-Mercury site on Grand Avenue is under contract to Roesch, Inc. for a new dealership. Hahn Street developer, Morningside, is in re-development agreement negotiations with the City. It will soon go the ZPC. The project could contain as many as 207 rental units and retail. Existing structures removal will likely take place in August. The Nitti Builders plan for 56 houses on the former hospital location continues to move ahead. Also heading to the ZPC on April 10, 2014, the builder is including a paver-brick primary, horseshoe-shaped, street, as well as, individual-home storm water detention. The project should decrease overall water run-off from the property. Related to this project is the City's review of its impact

fees structure and application shortly. Mike also took the EDC through all the current vacancies located within City Centre with status updates. It was noted that City sales taxes are rebounding to better levels.

Kurt mentioned the work of the EDC's five districts and encouraged the three-commissioner teams to meet and plan to utilize the business lists provided for each district. Some districts have already met. Rich Reichert mentioned that the business list for his district as provided via Kevin Leighty needs to be looked at for business conflicts with the York & Vallette area. Ken will talk with Kevin. There was also a question as to whether the lists can be alpha-ordered? There were five retention visits reported.

John Quigley shared with the EDC items that the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee is reviewing. The State of Illinois is looking into possible changes in the sales tax collection allowance. John also shared that the Chamber is gathering data on the impact of no video gaming in Elmhurst on its businesses. Elmhurst's immediate neighbors with the exception of Oak Brook all allow video gaming and some Elmhurst businesses are noting declines in their revenues accordingly.

Tom Paravola mentioned that there will be no Cool Cars this summer but that there will be music on Wednesday nights and a special September music event as well

The next EDC meeting is on Friday, April 25, 2014. Please note that the meeting will not be held at City Hall. The meeting will be held at the Elmhurst Public Library and will include breakfast. The same 7:30 a.m. start time but the meeting itself will likely go to 9:30 a.m. due to a guest presentation by library staff on their "maker-space" concepts.

The EDC adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.