

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, April 25, 2014
Elmhurst Public Library Meeting Room

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Rich Reichert, Trisha Hall, John Poulos, Bill Shanklin, Jason Janes, Steve Moskal, Bill Huber, Maryann Gorski, Kurt Schiele

Absent: Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Tim Ricordati, Barbara Rieske-Schau

Also Present: Kevin York, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order by Kurt Warnke, Chair, at 7:38 a.m. Kurt thanked the Elmhurst Public Library for hosting the EDC meeting and for providing the special presentation and breakfast.

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

Kurt called on Mary Beth Campe and Catherine Ingram of the Elmhurst Public Library for their presentation. Literature was shared on the Library's second floor remodeling plans which include more private meeting spaces, a separate teen space, a business center, media lab, display centers and just more space to relax. The Library has seen a huge increase in the need for and demand for meeting spaces and are responding. The Library had some 566,508 visits and 1,583 meetings in the last twelve months. In addition, the Library is beginning to formulate plans for a "maker space" in the basement. This space is at this point undetermined and unfunded but that hopefully will change going forward. The EDC has expressed interest in such space for Elmhurst in the recent past. 3D printers will be on-hand by November of this year as one element shared.

Ken Bartels reported that the four Commissioners due for Mayoral reappointment, Sabatino, Gorski, Hall and Reichert, are moving forward. Commissioner Jason Janes, an EDC appointee, is not requesting reappointment. He can continue to serve as he wishes until a reappointment is made. Names are being reviewed. The EDC will have table space to promote business in Elmhurst at the Chamber EXPO on May 22, 2014 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Diplomat. Commissioners able to assist with time at the EDC table should contact Ken. The Retail Broker Event will be on June 25, 2014 at Wilder Mansion with more details to come. New EDC business cards were supplied to those requesting them.

Alderman Kevin York provided updates on the Addison Deck project, City Council approved six stories, with hopeful groundbreaking yet this year, the North York Plan, report expected in the fall, Hahn Street negotiations with the Morningside Group, and Nitti Builders and their plan to build 56 homes on the former Berteau hospital site. John Quigley also provided information on recent business items pertaining to iMotorsports and Chick-Fil-A.

Three of the EDC District teams met since our last meeting. Eight retention visits were made.

John mentioned a recent trip to Springfield on legislative topics and the Chamber's fact finding on the issue of video gaming in Elmhurst.

The EDC's next meeting will be on May 23, 2014 at City Hall. Our schedule calls for this meeting to have a guest presentation. Suggestions should be sent to Ken. Commissioner Kurt Schiele offered his

Elmhurst Toyota dealership as our off-site location for the EDC meeting on June 27, 2014 which was accepted.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels