

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 26, 2014
Elmhurst City Hall**

Present: Kurt Warnke, Chair, Mark Sabatino, Vice Chair, Maryann Gorski, Trisha Hall, Steve Moskal, Bill Shanklin, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Rich Reichert, Tim Ricordati, Barbara Rieske-Schau

Absent: John Poulos, Bill Huber, Kurt Schiele, Brian Stolper

Also Present: Kevin York, Scott Levin, Mike Kopp, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order at 7:34 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of August 22, 2014 were approved as submitted.

As he had last month, Kurt Warnke announced that he would be leaving the EDC today due to his appointment to the ZPC. Therefore, special EDC elections were required for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions. The elections today will cover the EDC until the January 2015 meeting when regular, two-year term, officer elections are to be held. Mark Sabatino was nominated for Chair and there were no other nominations. Mark was elected Chair unanimously. Mark then took over the meeting and spoke to Kurt on behalf of the EDC sharing appreciation, gratitude and thanks for his many years of service. Kurt then thanked the EDC and the City and left the meeting after a round of applause. Bill Shanklin was then nominated for Vice Chair and there were no other nominations. Bill was elected Vice Chair unanimously.

Mark indicated that there now is one, mayoral appointment spot open on the EDC. He has a potential name as do Don Meyers and Bill Huber. Mark asked that the commissioners all think about name suggestions and relay any to he and Ken Bartels. This opening will stay on the EDC agenda until filled. A draft 2015 EDC Planning Calendar was also shared. Comments are welcomed and several suggestions were made on the spot.

Mike Kopp provided updates on the Hahn Street Project and the Wilder Crossing project. Also, the Waverton Hotel building should be demolished on or about October 6, 2014 and Addison Deck activity should begin in November.

Mike also previewed an Economic Development Update presentation scheduled for the City Council on October 20, 2014. Changes will be made and others are welcomed. Mike, Mark and Dan Leahy will be the presenters at this point with one additional commissioner requested. Be in direct contact with Mike if you have interest in this role.

There were nine retention visits reported.

John Quigley indicated that the Chamber's 2015 directory is underway. He also shared that the Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee had sent an endorsement to their full Board to consider zoning changes in the downtown. The Chamber Board will again meet on October 14, 2014.

The next EDC meeting will be on October 24, 2014 and will feature the re-scheduled visit with special guests, Tom Livingston, President of the Village of LaGrange and Pat Benjamin from their EDC. All of the EDC members received an email of the 'LaGrange Plan' on July 28, 2014 from Mike. Please plan to re-review it. We will meet in the City Council Chambers. Ken will inform Mayor Steve Morley.

The November 21, 2014 EDC meeting will be held off-site at Elmhurst College's facilities at 180 West Park in Elmhurst hosted by Commissioner Tim Ricordati.

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

Submitted by Ken Bartels.