

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 22, 2014 – Elmhurst City Hall**

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

Absent: Kurt Schiele

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

The EDC was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

The Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Kurt Warnke announced that our scheduled guests from LaGrange, Village President, Tom Livingston and EDC representative, Pat Benjamin would not be with us due to the severe rains of Thursday night and flooding issues in LaGrange. Mark Sabatino will work to re-schedule their visit.

Kurt also announced that he will be leaving the EDC as he has been appointed by Mayor Steve Morley to the Zoning and Planning Commission of the City. Kurt plans to attend his final EDC meeting on September 26, 2014. Mayor Morley lauded Kurt for his leadership of the EDC and for his willingness to join the ZPC. At the September 26 meeting there will be open elections for both Chair and Vice Chair per the EDC by-laws. The results of these elections will be in place until January 2015 when regular EDC elections are scheduled to take place. Any commissioner interested in either leadership post should be in contact with Mike or Ken well ahead of the next meeting.

Mayor Morley commented on the rains of Thursday night and the ongoing efforts of the City to work with the School and Park Boards on storm water solutions going forward.

Mike Kopp provided in depth updates on the Waverton site plans which will be leading to demolition in future weeks, the Addison Deck which could have some preliminary construction beginning as soon as November, and an RFP on the City's surface lot on the west side of Addison Avenue.

Mike also led a discussion on the status of the Wilder Crossing condominium/retail project with a public hearing date of August 28, 2014 and the Hahn Street apartment/retail/public parking project with a ZPC date of September 11, 2014. After discussion, the EDC unanimously passed endorsements for both endeavors with specifics to be finalized for both scheduled dates. Kurt Warnke abstained from both of these votes. There was commissioner conversation asking for a future discussion on the topic of the ideal, core, downtown building height and other variances often requested. Future discussion of the Plass site was also requested.

There were ten retention visits noted.

John Quigley mentioned Congressman Mike Quigley, Mayor Morley and he would be lunching at Silverado Grill on August 29, 2014. He promoted a multi-chamber lunch on September 8 featuring

governor candidate, Bruce Rauner. Tom Paravola cited 'Rock the Block' slated in City Centre on September 5 and 6, 2014.

The EDC adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.