

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes – Friday, February 27, 2015  
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

Present: Mark Sabatino, Chair, Bill Shanklin, Vice Chair, Trisha Hall, Steve Moskal, Diane McGinnis, Rich Reichert, Tim Ricordati, Don Meyers, Maryann Gorski, Mark Anglewicz, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Bill Huber

Absent: John Poulos, Barbara Rieske-Schau

Also Present: Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Dan Leahy, Erin Van De Walle, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order at 7:33 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of January 23, 2015 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Maryann Gorski, Trisha Hall and Diane McGinnis all commented on the successful, second, annual “Women-in-Management” seminar/networking event held at Wilder Mansion on February 17, 2015. Sixty+ attendees enjoyed networking and hearing business-assistance presentations by Elmhurst Public Library and Elmhurst College’s School for Professional Studies. Barbara Rieske-Schau was also on the planning committee. This event will again be on the EDC calendar in 2016.

Ken Bartels informed the EDC that the Retail Broker event will be held on June 24, 2015 at Lizzadro Museum from approximately 2-5:00 p.m. with broker presentations and networking. Ken and Erin Van De Walle are handling the details.

Mark Sabatino discussed the expiring terms of four commissioners on April 30, 2015. Ken will be in contact with Bill Huber, Kurt Schiele, Steve Moskal and John Poulos before the March EDC meeting regarding this matter.

Ken handed out new commissioner business cards and updated the EDC on other continuing projects including retention visit leave-behinds and the database.

Mark indicated that our March meeting is scheduled to have a guest presenter. Any suggestions should be sent to Ken. This led to a lengthy discussion of how the EDC/City might better connect with Elmhurst College students regarding their involvement with local businesses and entertainment venues. There are multiple sorts of opportunities here including direct interaction, social media, etc. Discussion led to interest in trying to determine where/what/how do students spend their money in Elmhurst? Tim Ricordati will explore.

Mike Kopp provided status information on Hahn Street, Addison Deck and Wilder Crossing projects.

Mike then presented a thorough update for the EDC on TIFs and the four TIFs currently in Elmhurst. TIFs I, II and III have been very successful. TIF IV is still very young. TIF I expires in 2021, TIF II in 2016, TIF III in 2019 and TIF IV in 2035. Commissioners should retain and reference either the handout provided or

the email attachment sent previously by Mike on this overall topic. At the March EDC meeting, Mike will explore specifics on TIF II and seek EDC assistance going forward.

Retention visits were tabled for this meeting.

John Quigley mentioned two trips to Springfield on business matters by the Chamber. He also shared with the EDC information and dates for Chamber "WalkAbouts" in Elmhurst that EDC commissioners are free to participate with as desired. Just contact John if interested.

The next EDC meeting is March 27, 2015.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.