

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2015
City Hall – Conference Room 2**

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Chris LaBounty, Kurt Schiele, Trisha Hall, Brian Stolper, Mark Anglewicz, Barbara Riekse-Schau, Steve Moskal, Matt Waterwall

Absent: Maryann Gorski, Diane McGinnis, Bill Huber, Tim Ricordati, Don Meyers

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

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

The EDC meeting minutes from November 20, 2015 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin shared that he feels that the EDC has had a productive year and thanked everyone for their efforts. There still is much to do that awaits us in 2016.

Bill then introduced the newest appointed commissioner, Matt Waterwall. Matt is in the April 2017 appointees group. Matt briefly presented his background and his interest in the EDC. Matt lives in Elmhurst with his family and works at Trade Tec Skyline Studio in Lombard. The EDC is now fully slotted with fifteen commissioners. Informationally, the April 2016 appointees group includes Bill Shanklin, Tim Ricordati, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers and Barbara Riekse-Schau.

Ken Bartels again reviewed the newly created EDC sub-committees and their roles. There are four: 1. Top Development Sites in Elmhurst: Chris LaBounty, Barbara Riese-Schau, Kurt Schiele, Ken Bartels. 2. Review/Refine the Zoning Code: Brian Stolper, Trisha Hall, Mark Anglewicz, John Quigley. 3. Downtown Recruitment: Rich Reichert, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Tim Ricordati, Tom Paravola. 4. Business Park Recruitment: Bill Shanklin, Don Meyers, Steve Moskal, Bill Huber, Matt Waterwall. The sub-committees are all linked to economic development items in the City's Strategic Plan. They will meet in tandem with EDC meetings and independently as needed. The Top Sites group is meeting later this morning.

Trisha Hall shared the initial planning for the third Women-in-Management event set for Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at Wilder Mansion. Speakers have been recruited and more details will be forthcoming.

There were eight retention visits made.

Mike Kopp provided the City Update. He introduced Kassondra Schref the new Communications Manager for the City. He shared that Wilder Crossing as previously approved will not be constructed. The developers are considering other options for the site on Addison Avenue. 100 N. Addison is under contract with details starting to come to the City Council in January. The Addison deck will have its opening delayed until mid-January. Plass site demolition should be very soon. The LA Fitness site construction is progressing. The Mazda/Hyundai site details are in committee discussion. The

Downtown Plan will have a public session on January 7, 2016. The Plan in draft form is on the City web site. As many EDC members as possible are encouraged to attend the public session. Len's Ace Hardware has purchased the Downtown Ace Hardware and plans extensive changes. Alderman Kevin York mentioned the 2016 City budget process effort and the slight increase in the home rule sales tax starting in 2016.

John Quigley mentioned several events coming in the new year. The State of Our City breakfast will happen on January 12. The Chamber's annual meeting and talent showcase will take place on January 29. A Shaw Media economic panel will happen on January 26 and the multi-chamber economic forecast luncheon will be on February 24. Commissioners interested in attending the State of Our City should RSVP to John, Ken or Mike ASAP.

Ken indicated that the next EDC meeting on January 22 will be the annual 'brainstorming' session. He will share items from last year's session prior to the meeting. The agenda for the day will be primarily directed to the open discussion.

Bill offered holiday greetings to all and the EDC was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.