

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of August 26, 2016 – City Hall – Conference Room #2**

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Don Meyers, Matt Waterwall, Diane McGinnis, Bill Huber, Julie Coan, Tim Ricordati, Mark Anglewicz, Trisha Hall, Kurt Schiele

Absent: Steve Moskal, Maryann Gorski, Brian Stolper, Chris LaBounty

Also Present: Scott Levin, Kevin York, Mike Kopp, Erin VanDeWalle, Arlinda Bajrami, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

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

The Minutes of the EDC meeting of July 22, 2016 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin opened the meeting with some general comments on City web site navigation and then on the status of the local economy. Commissioners commented that in some sectors the economy is somewhat flat (car sales) while others are experiencing growth (health care and education). The Chicago-Metro area seems to reflect these trends as well.

Bill introduced the EDC's newest commissioner, Julie Coan, Elmhurst resident and McMaster-Carr vice-president. The EDC is now again filled with its 15 commissioner roster.

Ken Bartels indicated that several of the EDC Subcommittees would likely be meeting during September with specific dates still to be set.

There were twelve retention visits cited.

Erin VanDeWalle, Arlinda Bajrami and Ken have been working on the EDC's Real Estate Broker Forum scheduled this year for Thursday, September 15 at Pint's from 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. The 'evite' is already out and attendance is growing. All commissioners are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP.

Erin provided the City Update noting all of the following: Unity Railway, Just Tires, Party City, Elmhurst 255, Elmhurst 151, Gloria Jeans, LA Fitness, Wilkin's, Red Arrow Tap Room, The Design Group, FFC, OPUS, 100 N. York, and others. She also noted that Coldstone Creamery and Elijah's have closed and that Chamberlain will be out of all their Elmhurst locations early in 2017.

Mike Kopp indicated that the Zoning Ordinance had a ZPC review on August 25 and has an October public hearing scheduled. The Signage Ordinance will be back at the DPZ Committee in September.

John Quigley mentioned that SB 2531 pertaining to economic development commissions was vetoed by Governor Rauner. Kurt Schiele reported on an excellent USO fundraiser held at Elmhurst Auto Group. Trisha Hall noted that the 'Cue for a Cause' fundraiser is set for September 4. Rich Reichert announced the American Legion Military Ball is scheduled for September 10. The Chamber Pig Roast is September 27. The 2nd Elmhurst Craft Beer Fest is on September 17.

Tim Ricordati offered to have Elmhurst College and its new President, Dr. Troy VanAken, host a future EDC meeting and he and Ken will look at potential dates.

The next EDC meeting will be at City Hall on Friday, September 23, 2016.

The EDC adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.