

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, November 18, 2016  
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Bill Huber, Trisha Hall, Chris LaBounty, Kurt Schiele. Nina Coppola Radke

Absent: Julie Coan, Tim Ricordati, Maryann Gorski, Brian Stolper, Don Meyers, Matt Waterwall, Mark Anglewicz

Also Present: Mike Kopp, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

Bill Shanklin introduced the newest EDC commissioner, Nina Coppola Radke.

The Minutes of the EDC meeting of October 28, 2016 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill mentioned several topics, including: the Elmhurst Centre for Performing Arts, an article he recently read on future parking trends (not just in Elmhurst), 2017 issues for the EDC.

Ken Bartels indicated that the EDC Subcommittees pertaining to development site selection and zoning have been meeting. The Zoning Code Subcommittee will not likely meet again until January. The Development Site Subcommittee has sent a report that City Staff is working with now. They will meet again before the EDC meeting in January and have an update report at that EDC meeting.

Ken shared that EDC officer elections will take place at the January meeting. These are done every two years. The February meeting will be the annual planning meeting and will be off-site at Elmhurst College. Attorney General Open Meetings Act online training is still necessary. Commissioners who have not completed it and provided their completion certificate to Ellen Cyprian need to do so immediately.

There were five retention visits noted.

Mike Kopp provided the City Update which included: Industrial Drive will be re-done in 2017 but the other business park streets will be done likely in 2018. A sidewalk grant may also be received for the North Business Park area. There are a number of important zoning cases currently underway, a North York car wash and an expansion of Elmhurst Extended Care. Public input on a proposed new Metra Station in Elmhurst will continue to be sought. New City Centre businesses continue to move ahead, Elmhurst Brewing Company, Red Arrow Tap Room and Beerheads. Fitness Formula Club and OPUS plans are also moving along. An RFP for a branding consultant will be forthcoming with branding for Elmhurst a key issue for 2017 and 2018.

John Quigley noted the passage of the Safe Roads amendment and further discussions in Springfield on possible EDC membership requirements.

Bill inquired as to likely commissioner attendance at the December EDC meeting on December 23, 2016. Based on those in attendance, the meeting will be scheduled. If commissioners know that they cannot attend, please let Ken know as soon as possible.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.