

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, December 23, 2016
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Bill Huber, Chris LaBounty, Kurt Schiele, Nina Coppola Radke, Julie Coan, Tim Ricordati, Brian Stolper, Matt Waterwall

Absent: Diane McGinnis, Trisha Hall, Maryann Gorski, Don Meyers, Mark Anglewicz

Also Present: Scott Levin, Mike Kopp, Erin Jason, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

Guests: Jeff Budgell, Laura Michaud

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. A light breakfast was available.

The Minutes of the EDC meeting of November 18, 2016 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin called on our guests representing the proposed Elmhurst Centre for the Performing Arts, Jeff Budgell and Laura Michaud, both ECPA Board members. Jeff presented a video of the project and a power point on specific details. Laura shared background details, early planning and activities and some future thoughts on the concept and the idea. The dream of a performing arts facility in Elmhurst has been suggested before, but in this case, there seems to be early, strong momentum. That said, the ECPA Board will be commissioning a feasibility study in January 2017 which will focus on need, users, outcomes and economic impact. The actual size and cost of the facility are not known at this time. The funding methods and sources will also be determined later. Several members of the EDC had questions and shared comments.

Bill shared his thoughts on a solid 2016 year for the EDC and much ahead in 2017 as well.

Mike Kopp led a lengthy discussion on the Citywide Development Sites Subcommittee report (provided prior to the meeting and as a handout). Six sites, not ranked, were discussed: York & Vallette, 105 Cottage Hill, Riverside Drive, Route 83 & North, York & Third & Addison and Route 83 & St. Charles. All were reviewed by the Subcommittee and had pros & cons noted. The EDC determined to have Erin Jason and Ken Bartels work with Mike on logical next steps for each site and have those brought to the EDC at its January 27, 2017 meeting. The work of the Subcommittee members was noted with appreciation. Mike added that a future EDC discussion on TIFs and their respective circumstances will be forthcoming.

Retention visits were tabled.

EDC officer elections will take place at the January 27 meeting. Bill and Rich Reichert are willing to stand for re-election. If any other commissioner wishes to be considered, please be in contact with Ken.

Erin gave a quick update on several City projects underway and John Quigley mentioned The State of Our City event date had been moved to January 10, 2017 at Community Bank of Elmhurst at 330

Butterfield Road. He also noted that the multi-chamber economic outlook luncheon will be February 3, 2017 in Downers Grove.

Bill wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

The next EDC meeting will be Friday, January 27, 2017 at City Hall.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.