

## **Elmhurst Economic Development Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes April 25, 2008 – 7:30 a.m. City Hall – Conference Room 2**

**Present:** Betsy Hanisch, Kurt Warnke, Scott LaMorte, Dan Leahy, Richard Reichert, Don Meyers, John Quigley (Ex-Officio Member) - President, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, Tom Paravola (Ex-Officio Member) - Executive Director, Elmhurst City Centre, Jan Vanek - League of Women Voters, Mayor Thomas Marcucci, Tom Borchert

**Absent:** Diane McGinnis

**Staff:** Martha Corner, John Said

Chair Betsy Hanisch called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. There was an amendment to the January 25, 2008 minutes to include the name of Kurt Warnke. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the January 25, 2008 meeting minutes.

Jan Vanek provided handouts describing the Cool Cities initiative which is a Sierra Club initiated program. The goal of this project is to recruit cities to take steps to reduce the carbon footprint. There are now over 950 cities, including Elmhurst, who are participating in the Cool cities Initiative by signing the Climate Protection Agreement. Through this effort, tracking and inventory of carbon footprint reduction will become available. Due to efforts of the college, hospital, school district and the park district, Elmhurst is reporting only 5% of carbon footprint. In addition, the City will be celebrating Greenfest on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Many organizations have signed on to the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition and the handout Jan Vanek provided offers suggestions of what individuals and businesses can do to support the effort. Jan suggested there might be a role for the EDC in this endeavor as well. The possibility of offering an award for businesses that are practicing improved environmental practices was proposed.

There was discussion of the Energy Fair agenda that is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Retail Real Estate Luncheon Discussion:

The event was reviewed with many positive comments. It was suggested that future events showcase specific tenant spaces.

#### Industrial Breakfast and Open House Discussion:

Martha Corner summarized planning for this event. She acknowledged assistance from Dan Leahy and sponsorship by the IAC. Martha announced the speakers at the

Breakfast will be Mayor Thomas Marcucci and Roger Hopkins from Choose DuPage. A self-guided tour of available commercial properties will be offered.

### New Business

Tom Borchert discussed the Hahn Street project status. He stated the project is financially viable and a benefit to the City. Tom announced there would be a Committee of the Whole Monday night after the City Council meeting.

The Mayor talked about the 2016 Olympic committee and event recruitment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Submitted by Martha Corner