

## **Elmhurst Economic Development Commission**

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

Present: Betsy Hanisch, Scott LaMorte, Dan Leahy, Don Meyers, Diane McGinnis, Kurt Warnke, John Quigley (Ex-Officio Member) - President, Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce, Tom Paravola (Ex-Officio Member) - Executive Director, Elmhurst City Centre

Absent: Rich Reichert

Staff: Martha Corner, John Said

Chair Betsy Hanisch called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to approve the October 19, 2007 meeting minutes.

#### Retail Real Estate Luncheon Discussion:

Martha Corner provided details of the Spring Retail Real Estate Luncheon to be held on April 24, 2008.

- Francesca's preferred
- Marc Cella and Mayor Marcucci agreed to speak
- Tour could be arranged
- Appropriate locations for retailers – Mark Cella
- Introduce all to Cathy Maloney

#### Industrial Breakfast or Luncheon Discussion:

Dan Leahy stated there is an opportunity for the IAC O'Hare distribution facility to host a breakfast or lunch event. He will look into it. A breakfast or luncheon could be held on a Monday or Tuesday.

#### Newspaper Media Relations Discussion:

John Said updated the EDC on plans to regularly publish community economic information in local area newspapers. The topics could vary depending on current economic trends or issues of interest to the general public.

Environmental Issues Discussion:

- LEED certification, windmills, financial impact, green shopping bags.
- John Said suggested contacting Jim Patchett and Bruce Bronge. They are both well informed about eco-friendly construction.
- “Green” awards.

Business Retention Visits:

Martha Corner asked EDC members to recommend businesses for future retention visits. None were provided at the meeting, although Martha noted this is a standing request from staff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.  
Submitted by Martha Corner

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