

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2010 – City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Betsy Hanisch, Don Meyers, Rich Reichert, Diane McGinnis, Kurt Warnke.

Absent: Dan Leahy, Mark Sabatino, Dan Hiffman.

Also Present: Mike Kopp, Tom Borchert, Kevin York, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels.

The EDC was called to order by Chairman, Betsy Hanisch at 7:33 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of February 26, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Mike Kopp reported for the City. The EDC Strategic Plan will be reported out of the DPZ Committee favorably and will be on the City Council's agenda on April 5, 2010. City Council continues its' work on the City Budget for 2010-2011 with passage required by May 1, 2010. As overall revenue projections are tight, economic development activities will be of significance going forward. The Findzall consulting contract will also be on the Council's April 5 agenda for approval. There are five, current EDC commissioners that require mayoral reappointment and Council approval by May 1. William Huber of McMaster-Carr Supply Company will also be proposed for the EDC spot formerly held by Scott LaMorte.

John Quigley reported that the Elmhurst Chamber's Membership Committee will be conducting retention visits for the Chamber and the EDC during April with over 100 Elmhurst food industry businesses and he will report on same to the EDC after completion. He also shared that he and Ken Bartels, with the Chamber's agreement, are pursuing the re-creation of a "business park association" within the Chamber with details still pending.

EDC members present shared retention visits since our last meeting. With staff and consultant visits they totaled 17. The overall list of visits made to date will be updated and shared with the EDC by Ken. A one-page fact sheet for the EDC on business retention highlights will be created. The idea of a City-wide gift certificate was mentioned as was the Chamber's efforts on a "Shop/Buy Elmhurst" program.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m. Next EDC meeting date is April 23, 2010.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.