

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2011

City Hall, Conference Room 2

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

Absent: Mark Sabatino, Dan Leahy, Dan Hiffman

Also Present: Steve Morley, Kevin York, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels

The EDC was called to order by Betsy Hanisch, Chair, at 7:34 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of December 17, 2010 were approved as submitted.

Chair Betsy Hanisch asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the EDC for the period of 2011-2013 as per our new By-Laws. Kurt Warnke was nominated for Chair and Mark Sabatino for Vice Chair. Both were elected unanimously and will begin their service at the February 25 meeting. The EDC also acknowledged Betsy's long and excellent service as Chair with a round of applause and appreciation.

Some nine retention visits were reported and shared.

Ken Bartels indicated that at the next EDC meeting in February we will begin to have some informal discussion of possible new TIFs that might be proposed within the City as mentioned by Mayor DiCianni in his State of Our City event on January 18 at the Community Bank of Elmhurst. He also indicated that the Mayor, City Manager, Tom Borchert and himself had visited with Patten Corporation and also cited information about Chamberlain Corporation and K-Mart Essentials. A broker tour or tours will be set sometime in the Spring through Findzall Community Marketing.

John Quigley updated the EDC on the Chamber's Shop/Buy Elmhurst proposal which he plans to submit to the City's Development, Planning and Zoning Committee in February for approval. He also reported that the initial visits that he and Ken have made regarding the Wheels and Deals auto

consortium have been very positive and that the remaining visits can hopefully be completed in February leading to a group meeting with the Mayor. It was further shared that an informal, ad-hoc, EDC review of signage issues pertaining to businesses in Elmhurst will be scheduled soon by Mike Kopp, Assistant City Manager. Alderman Steve Morley provided some insights into how that process might be the most useful and productive as it goes forward.

Steve and Alderman, Kevin York, told the EDC the current status and plans regarding the selection process and time table for the next City Manager. John mentioned that Fontano's would be closing soon and mentioned some other possible retail changes that he had heard about including the sale of Elmhurst Ford and the likely relocation of the dealership to Bensenville. A review of Workmen's Comp. coverage in Illinois is expected in this legislative session in Springfield with tax code changes being considered in Washington, D.C. at the federal level.

The next meeting of the EDC will be on February 25, 2011.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.