

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2011

City Hall, Conference Room 2

Present: Betsy Hanisch, Don Meyers, Rich Reichert, Bill Huber, Dan Leahy, Mark Sabatino, Maryann Gorski, Nicola Lostumbo, Bill Shanklin

Absent: Kurt Warnke, Diane McGinnis, Steve Moskal

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

Guests: Robert Rychlicki, Charles Biondo

The EDC was called to order by Vice Chair, Mark Sabatino at 7:33 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of February 25, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Mark welcomed three of the four new EDC Commissioners to their initial meeting. Everyone in attendance shared their background information in a "round-table" fashion. There will be a new Commissioner information session on April 19, 2011 led by Ken Bartels.

It was also noted that Commissioners Hanisch, Reichert and Sabatino have terms ending in April 2011. Commissioners Reichert and Sabatino have indicated that they would stand for mayoral re-appointment while Commissioner Hanisch will be leaving the EDC next month after an EEDC and EDC combined tenure of 17 years.

Mike Kopp provided updates on the City's 2011-2012 budget process, the Addison LLC, and the Hahn Street project. Dan Leahy inquired regarding any approach to the City from Navistar Corporation. He understands that Navistar may be seeking a new location for a distribution center. Mike will investigate.

Ken, Mike and Than Werner will be meeting to start the business signage ordinance endeavor soon and will update the EDC at a future meeting. Several handouts were reviewed and mention made of the upcoming Retail Brokers Tour on April 28, 2011.

John Quigley is revamping the Chamber's Shop/Buy proposal with an implementation time line of September 2011. The Wheels & Deals auto consortium recruitment effort should resume soon.

Seven retention visits were reported since the last meeting.

Robert Rychlicki and Charles Biondo of Kane McKenna & Associates joined the meeting. Kane McKenna has been secured by the City to review and rank the identified five new TIF areas and make recommendations accordingly. They will be working with City Staff and the EDC over the next several months. Individuals at the meeting then shared new TIF comments and impressions with the Kane McKenna representatives with related discussion. It is understood that this meeting is just a beginning to this overall endeavor.

The next EDC meeting is April 22, 2011.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.