

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2011
City Hall, Conference Room 2

Present: Kurt Warnke, Mark Sabatino, Betsy Hanisch, Rich Reichert, Bill Huber, Nicola Lostumbo, Bill Shanklin, Diane McGinnis

Absent: Don Meyers, Dan Leahy, Maryann Gorski, Steve Moskal

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

The EDC was called to order by Kurt Warnke, Chair, at 7:32 a.m.

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

An orientation meeting for the four new EDC Commissioners was held on April 19, 2011 with Kurt Warnke, Mike Kopp and Ken Bartels also in attendance. It was found to be most useful and productive. Mark Sabatino and Rich Reichert are due for reappointment by the Mayor for a new term. This is to occur on May 2, 2011. Betsy Hanisch is not seeking reappointment and a new Commissioner is to be sought. All Commissioners present indicated a desire for generic EDC business cards for their use with their retention visits. The two pages pertaining to the EDC on the City's web site have been updated.

Tom Borchert provided updates on the Scott Street development, the Addison LLC project, and an uptick in City sales tax revenues. Tom also indicated that the EDC may be asked to provide future input on the general issue of new office space in City Centre as it relates to the Addison LLC project and its' likely to be proposed plans. Kevin York reported that the City's budget for 2011-12 was passed on April 18, 2011 and that the City Manager search has been narrowed to six candidates with preliminary interviews to get underway the week of April 25, 2011. The TIF areas analysis report will be received from Kane McKenna very soon and will likely be part of the EDC's May agenda.

A total of six retention visits were reported since our last EDC meeting.

A retail broker tour event is scheduled for April 28, 2011 and will be held at Café Amano. The event which is to have an attendance of about fifty is jointly sponsored by the City, City Centre, Catalano & Associates, Tivoli Enterprises, and Choose DuPage.

The Shop/Buy Elmhurst campaign to be coordinated by the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been approved by City Council Committee and will roll out in the third quarter of this year. It is primarily designed to be a citizen/consumer educational effort so that the value to all concerned in spending and buying in Elmhurst is commonly known and understood. The general theme of "Got It" was shared with the EDC by John Quigley who also reported that the Wheels & Deals auto consortium will also get more attention now that the Shop/Buy plan is better finalized.

Ken indicated that the review of business signage issues is taking longer than anticipated but that he hopes for progress soon so that the EDC can be updated and be involved in the overall discussions.

Additional mention was made of three City Centre area Retail Grants being awarded to Deja Voo Boutique, Pazza Di Pizza and Cottage Hill Diamonds. Also noted was the increase in freight train traffic

on the Canadian –National line affecting vehicle travel on St. Charles Road, Spring Road and York Road to a noticed effect. Tom mentioned that this was expected by the City to ease after a period of railroad construction west of Elmhurst. There was a state re-districting meeting held on April 21, 2011 at City Hall as that process begins. There is some question about Elmhurst's representation in the Illinois House and Senate relating to crossover possibility into Cook County municipalities. There will be public comment opportunities in the next several weeks.

The next meeting of the EDC will be on May 27, 2011.

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

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.