

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2016
Gerber Collision and Glass, Elmhurst Corporate Headquarters

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Chris LaBounty, Diane McGinnis, Steve Moskal

Absent: Matt Waterwall, Tim Ricordati, Bill Huber, Brian Stolper, Maryann Gorski, Mark Anglewicz, Don Meyers, Kurt Schiele, Trisha Hall

Also Present: Mike Kopp, John Quigley, Kevin York

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m.

The EDC meeting minutes from May 27, 2016, could not be approved due to the lack of a quorum.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin reported on Economic Development Coordinator Erin VanDeWalle's presentation to the Rotary Club of Elmhurst regarding \$155 million in economic development/redevelopment taking place in Elmhurst.

The EDC appointment from among three female candidates could not be voted on due to the lack of a quorum. Bill Shanklin reported that either Ken Bartels or he will contact the candidates to inform them that the vote on an appointee will be rescheduled for the July 22 meeting.

Bill Shanklin reported on the EDC-sponsored meeting at Mostardi Platt with representatives of a dozen or so North Business Park businesses. Ken Bartels detailed a list of 18 items for follow up, including building upgrades, workforce development, sidewalks and bike paths. Mike Kopp reported that Industrial Drive is scheduled to be repaved in 2017 and that the City will begin code enforcement regarding on-site storage and landscaping. Steve Moskal reported an increase in NBP businesses that generate retail sales tax, including JX Peterbilt and LAS Flooring, and that the area needs better connections to Mariano's Fresh Market, the soon-to-be L.A. Fitness facility and other North York Street businesses.

There were no reports from the EDC Subcommittees. Most of them will be meeting in July.

Retention reports were put on hold until the July 22 meeting due to the lack of quorum.

Mike Kopp reported that the Elmhurst City Council at its June 6 meeting approved the Downtown Plan updates, the Elmhurst Zoning and Planning Commission will schedule a workshop in July and then a public hearing in August to review changes needed in the zoning ordinances to comply with the updated plan. The Z&P Commission will conduct public hearings regarding proposed firearms sales on June 23 based on a request from newly-opened Glenbard Uniform on North York Street and updates to the commercial signage ordinances on July 28. Thornton's Gas Station/Mini Mart is scheduled to open on July 15. BMW of Elmhurst was approved for \$6 million in incentives to rebuild on Gerber Collision and Glass' former Lake Street location out of the newly-proposed Tax-Increment Financing (TIF) District 5, which the City Council passed on June 20 in advance of the July 3 Joint Review Board meeting and August 15 public hearing. TIF 5 includes some properties currently in TIF 2, which is near its sunset.

Mike Kopp reported that Erin VanDeWalle is drafting a strategic plan for economic development, which the EDC will begin to review at the July 22 meeting.

Mike Kopp reported that construction permits for new single-home residential properties are on the rise, with 30 permits currently in process. Nitti Development has already sold 28 of the 33 homes completed or under construction at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital's former location. The new housing development features mature trees and newly-dedicated Joanne Way, the first permeable paver street in Elmhurst.

John Quigley reported that the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry Board of Directors approved numerous updates to the proposed commercial signage ordinance, including an endorsement of flag signs in business areas featuring four lanes of vehicle traffic.

John Quigley reported on the status of the U.S. Department of Labor's new regulations regarding overtime pay and exempt employees, which is scheduled to take effect on December 1, 2016.

Kevin York reported that the Fourth Annual Superior Ambulance Elmhurst Cycling Classic will return to the Elmhurst College/Wilder Park area on Friday, July 22.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by John Quigley and reviewed by Ken Bartels.