

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, May 26, 2017
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Diane McGinnis, Trisha Hall, Maryann Gorski, Matt Waterwall, Mark Anglewicz, Kurt Schiele, Chris LaBounty

Absent: Rich Reichert, Brian Stolper, Bill Huber, Julie Coan, Tim Ricordati, Nina Coppola Radke, Don Meyers

Also Present: Kevin York, Erin Jason, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Eileen Franz, Ken Bartels

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:34 a.m.

The Minutes of the EDC meeting of April 28, 2017 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin commented on the fact that in 2018 a number of Elmhurst organizations and events are turning 100 years of age. Among them: Elmhurst Chamber, Memorial Day Parade, York High School, American Legion and Lions International.

Eileen Franz reported on the future involvement of two EDC Subcommittees, Downtown Development and Development Sites, as a part of the Houseal-Lavigne subplans project. Focus group and general public meetings will be a part of this process as well as a 'visioning workshop'.

Erin Jason updated the EDC on Citywide projects including: OPUS likely underway in June or July, 832 Industrial Drive property is under contract, 249 W. Lake for sale and drawing large interest, continued high interest in City Centre available sites pending the new zoning codes being approved and some new business announcements soon, TruHomes trailer park building and annexation and AIMCO townhomes receiving ZPC approval as their first step. Erin also reported on Sprint's opening on North York, Industrial Drive paving and sidewalk effort underway, Rainbow and Currito restaurants in Elmhurst 255, FFC to start work in June and Beerheads opening in July or August. Kevin York mentioned that downtown zoning codes could be set in July.

There were ten retention visits noted.

Kevin told the EDC that the City had again received an AAA bond rating, the best possible, and thanked all those involved with maintaining it. He also updated storm water activities at several sites. John Quigley shared that the PA&S Committee began to discuss the utilization of the City Centre parking garages. He also noted the Illinois Senate had passed a state budget but that there is no indication what the House will do or the Governor. Tom Paravola noted the Addison Avenue construction issues coming up soon.

John mentioned the Memorial Day Parade and Military Ceremony on May 29, 2017. Kevin noted the Elmhurst Cycling Classic on July 22, 2017, June Jazz on June 17, 2017, Elmhurst College Commencement on May 27, 2017 and 'Dancing Under the Stars', sponsored by the College/City Commission on June 3, 2017 atop the Addison Deck.

The next EDC meeting will be on Friday, June 23, 2017 at the Elmhurst Chamber location at 300A West Lake Street (frontage road) in Elmhurst.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels