

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, June 23, 2017  
Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Mark Anglewicz, Maryann Gorski, Trisha Hall, Don Meyers, Tim Ricordati, Kurt Schiele

Absent: Julie Coan, Nina Coppola Radke, Bill Huber, Chris LaBounty, Diane McGinnis, Rich Reichert, Brian Stolper, Matt Waterwall

Also Present: Kevin York, John Quigley, Tom Paravola

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m.

The Minutes of May 26, 2017 meeting went unapproved due to lack of quorum (per Chair).

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin thanked the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry for hosting today's meeting.

Bill Shanklin reported on Elmhurst College's Summer Jazz Concert featuring Doc Severinsen on June 17, which was moved from the College Mall to Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel due to the weather, and Kevin York reported on the joint College-City of Elmhurst "Dancing Under the Stars" Concert on the top floor of the Addison Parking Deck in downtown Elmhurst on June 3.

Bill Shanklin reported on the recent passing of Darrell L. Whistler, who served as chair of the City of Elmhurst's Zoning and Planning Commission for 40 of his 48 years as a Commission member.

Don Meyers recommended the EDC invite some of the new businesses in downtown Elmhurst to attend a meeting to share their stories about investing in Elmhurst, and Kevin York recommended inviting three or four businesses to participate in a forum-style Q&A.

John Quigley reported that Red Arrow Tap Room will be featured on ABC-TV Channel 7's 190 North on June 25 at 11 p.m. and is planning to open a second location in downtown Lisle.

Bill Shanklin reported on his retention visit with the family-owned Wagner Dye Supply at 960 Industrial Drive.

Maryann Gorski and Don Meyers reported that some names on Ken Bartels' retention visit list are no longer in business.

In the absence of Mike Kopp and Erin Jason, Bill Shanklin distributed a two-page report from Erin Jason featuring a Development Update, Business Update and Retention Visit Follow Up sections, and read the report to the Commission. As a follow up to a Bill Shanklin retention visit, the City of Elmhurst's Department of Public Works reported that it is responsible for maintain the shrubbery and overgrowth along the creek near Premier Tile & Stone in the North Business Park.

Tom Paravola reported that Rich Reichert, Diane McGinnis and he represented the EDC at the City's public workshop on the Subarea Plan for downtown Elmhurst facilitated by the consulting firm of Houseal Lavigne Associates, while Maryann Gorski reported on her attendance in York & Vallette Business District's Subarea Plan workshop, where the Farmer's Market puts a strain on customer parking and the intersection of York Street and the Illinois Prairie Path remains a safety concern.

Maryann Gorski recommended that the EDC invite FPV Racing Hobbies to present at a meeting about their decision to make Elmhurst their first SwellPro location outside of China.

In response to Don Meyer's inquiry, John Quigley and Kevin York reported that businesses can access water from fire hydrants if it is properly metered and then paid for.

Kevin York announced that the Fifth Annual Elmhurst Cycling Classic will return to the Wilder Park/Elmhurst College area on Friday, July 21, starting at 11 a.m.

Kurt Schiele announced that Elmhurst Toyota will stage its annual BBG for the Troops with the USO of Illinois on Saturday, July 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trisha Hall announced that the Elmhurst Walk In Assistance Network will stage its annual 'Que for a Cause' fundraiser in the public parking lot near York & Vallette on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

The next EDC meeting will be on Friday, July 28, 2017 at Elmhurst City Hall.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:23 a.m.

Submitted as draft by John Quigley. Reviewed by Ken Bartels.