

**Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, September 22, 2017  
City Hall – Conference Room #2**

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Trisha Hall, Tim Ricordati, Nina Coppola Radke, Chris LaBounty, Diane McGinnis, Don Meyers, Bill Huber

Absent: Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Maryann Gorski, Julie Coan, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Mark Anglewicz, Matt Waterwall

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

Guest: Melanie Rowling

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

The Minutes of the August 25, 2017 meeting were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin announced that Trisha Hall was resigning as an EDC Commissioner. Trisha explained that she has sold her Elmhurst home and her North York Street McDonald's franchise and is planning to travel and relax. The entire EDC expressed appreciation to Trisha for her service. Her EDC slot is a mayoral appointment and runs through April 30, 2020. Bill and Ken Bartels will begin to consider candidates to propose to the mayor. If any commissioner has a candidate to suggest please do so to Bill or Ken.

Erin Jason shared that the Real Estate Forum scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Red Arrow Tap Room from 3:00-5:00 p.m. already has a potential attendance of over 90. EDC commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Ken indicated that all four EDC Subcommittees are scheduled to meet before the EDC meets again on October 27, 2017.

There were six retention visits recorded.

Erin updated the EDC on several recent business items: The Club's outdoor garden, 'Kanya' coming in the former Wok-N-Fire site, 'Livia' moving into the former Café Amano location, Doc's Victory Tap opening on Spring Road, FFC and OPUS starting on their projects in October, OMG's closing, J. C. Licht's move to Bensenville, Rainbow's move into Elmhurst 255, among others. She also reported that an upcoming 'Elmhurst Now' cable program will feature a full-City update on these new economic endeavors.

Mike Kopp mentioned that he and Erin had been at an economic development conference in Toronto where the topics of data-based assumptions and site selector firms were noted. He also mentioned Houseal-Lavigne's recent visioning workshop supporting the five subplans. The results are still pending.

Ken cited the 2018 EDC calendar as one of the meeting handouts. Diane McGinnis mentioned new Elmhurst Hospital offices on North York Street and that the Elmhurst Clinic will be building a new building in their existing parking lot and after construction, the present clinic building will be torn down. Tom Paravola shared that the City Centre 'Rock the Block' event on September 8 & 9, 2017 drew approximately 20,000 people to the downtown. Tim Ricordati and Kevin York reported that Elmhurst College enrolled its largest ever new student class of over 1,200 and largest total enrollment of 3,520. John Quigley informed the EDC that the Chamber's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary 'Centennial Campaign' has an overall goal of \$250,000 and that 60% of that goal is already committed. He also showed the EDC the Chamber's state-of-the-art web site.

Melanie Rowling, owner of Currito, visited and shared that the restaurant will be opening in Elmhurst 255 very soon. This is the first Currito in Chicagoland although there are twelve more in seven other states. They selected Elmhurst because of its outstanding demographics and community feeling overall.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, October 27, 2017 at SBR Events/Meetinghouse, 781 Church Road, Elmhurst. More details will be forthcoming.

The EDC adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.