

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, December 15, 2017  
Elmhurst Art Museum

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Julie Coan, Chris LaBounty, Melissa Villanueva, Matt Galas

Absent: Bill Huber, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Tim Ricordati, Nina Coppola Radke, Don Meyers, Mark Anglewicz

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

The EDC meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

The Minutes of November 17, 2017 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin thanked our host, John McKinnon, Executive Director of the Elmhurst Art Museum. Maryann Gorski arranged this location as she is on the EAM Board. Melissa Villanueva, owner of Brewpoint Coffee brought coffee and pastries as well. Bill indicated that with Melissa and Matt Galas joining the EDC we are back at full strength. Bill had everyone present introduce themselves for the benefit of Melissa and Matt. They will also be receiving orientations from Ken Bartels as arranged.

Ken shared the working list of items created by the Downtown Development Subcommittee pertaining to TIF1. He also explained that Mike Kopp will be presenting shortly on TIF1 and plans for the downtown/City Centre area.

There were nine retention visits noted.

Erin Jason provided information on the following: attendance at a Core390 meeting, Foot Heaven, the new Restaurant Guide, the Holly Trolley, New Home Star, OMG, The Arena, OPUS, FFC, the Elmhurst Clinic on Schiller Street, 845 Larch (former Chamberlain site).

Mike Kopp shared that TIF1, established in 1986 and the City's oldest TIF, is set to end in 2021 as of now. City Council and City Staff have been discussing TIF1 options including the early ending of TIF1 and the creation of a new downtown TIF. The DPZ Committee has approved and sent on to the City Council plans for the new TIF with different boundaries than TIF1. Next steps will be a Joint TIF Review Board meeting on January 24, 2018 and a Public Hearing on March 5, 2018. The early end to TIF1 will allow for an early release of funds to the other taxing bodies within Elmhurst and the new TIF would begin with elevated EAV numbers. The new TIF must qualify under State rules and it appears to do so. Kane-McKenna is working with City Staff on details and this new TIF will be a discussion topic for the ongoing future. Mike asked EDC members to be alert to comments that they hear about the plan.

Mike also mentioned that Elmhurst hosted a group from Woodstock (IL) interested in our economic development successes and they were most impressed.

Bill reported that the Elmhurst American Legion will be the Grand Marshall of the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Spring Road on Saturday, March 10, 2018. It is the Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> year.

John Quigley mentioned the 2018 Chamber Directory mailing in January to all Elmhurst households. He also noted the State of Our City breakfast event, sponsored by the Chamber and hosted at Community Bank of Elmhurst will be at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Lastly, he mentioned the Chamber kicking off its 100<sup>th</sup> year with its annual Gala at The Drake Hotel on Friday night, January 26, 2018.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, January 26, 2018 at City Hall.

Bill reminded everyone that John McKinnon would be leading short EAM tours right after adjournment. He also wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.