

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2016
City Hall – Conference Room 2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Matt Waterwall, Tim Ricordati, Chris LaBounty, Bill Huber, Brian Stolper, Steve Moskal, Maryann Gorski, Mark Anglewicz

Absent: Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Don Meyers, Diane McGinnis, Kurt Schiele, Trisha Hall

Also Present: Scott Levin, Erin VanDeWalle, John Quigley, Ken Bartels

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

The EDC meeting minutes from April 22, 2016 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Ken Bartels reported that four commissioner reappointments had been completed leaving only the Barbara Rieske-Schau vacancy, which is an EDC appointee selection. To that matter, Ken shared three applicants for the open slot. The applications of Patrice Busleta, Julie Coan and Nina Coppola were shared with the EDC for their initial review. At the EDC's June 24, 2016 meeting a further discussion will take place leading to a recommendation to the City Council.

Erin VanDeWalle reported on a broker discussion meeting held at City Hall on May 12, 2016. Full details are available if EDC members are interested. Erin and Ken also shared that there will be a meeting in the North Business Park, hosted by Mostardi Platt on June 2, 2016 that will explore mutual issues of companies in the area.

There were eleven retention visits mentioned.

Scott Levin provided an update on the Downtown Plan which will be going to the City Council shortly. Both the EDC and the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce & Industry provided supportive letters pertaining to the plan. Erin gave an update on multiple projects within the City including: the new City web site and Explore Elmhurst web site, the Metra Station, LA Fitness, Thornton's, Starbucks, Mazda/Hundai, Elmhurst Brewing Co., TIF 2 and the potential for a TIF 5 assisting BMW on Lake Street. Erin also noted that the revised signage ordinance is in process. This year's trolley effort will commence on June 2, 2016 and run through September 18, 2016.

Bill Shanklin encouraged the commissioners to occasionally visit City Council committee meetings to get a fuller understanding of all the various endeavors going on within the City as a whole. He also encouraged attendance at the 98th Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016.

John Quigley suggested that the EDC include a TIF 5 discussion at a future meeting. He also shared pending legislation in Springfield that would require specific representation on commissions and committees like the EDC. The Illinois Chamber is asking for a governor's veto on the legislation. Erin reported that the City is as well.

The next EDC meeting will be on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Gerber Headquarters Complex at 400 W. Grand in Elmhurst.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.