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Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes – Friday, May 22, 2015
Elmhurst Memorial Hospital

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Steve Moskal, Diane McGinnis, Tim Ricordati, Maryann Gorski, Trisha Hall, Mark Anglewicz, Bill Huber, Kurt Schiele

Absent: Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Brian Stolper, Barbara Rieske-Schau, Don Meyers

Also Present: Mayor Steve Morley, Scott Levin, Kevin York, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Ken Bartels, Erin Van De Walle

Guests: Ken Fishbain, John Calzaretta

The EDC gathered for an off-site meeting at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital hosted by Commissioners Diane McGinnis and Tim Ricordati. The first stop was the joint Elmhurst Memorial Hospital-Elmhurst College nursing simulation lab on the lower level of the East Entrance.

The EDC then convened in the Wildflower Conference Room 3 for a presentation by Ken Fishbain, Vice President of Elmhurst Memorial Hospital on the current status of EMH.

The EDC was formally called to order by Chair, Bill Shanklin at 8:27 a.m.

The EDC Minutes for April 24, 2015 were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Steve Morley then introduced John Calzaretta, Founder & CEO of In Our Community/Bonding Point. John has Elmhurst roots but now resides in Orland Park. His company is working with several communities on their ability to better engage with their residents through aggregated information sharing and a reward points system for active interaction through the web portal. The 'In Our Community' portal has no fees or costs to participate. The company makes its revenue via limited, selective, advertising. John is interested in pursuing an Elmhurst site in the near future.

Mayor Morley asked the EDC to provide feedback on John's presentation and the concept at its June 26, 2015 meeting. If anyone has input prior to share, please direct it to Ken Bartels for notation.

Ken noted that the Commissioner Class of 2018 have all been approved by the Mayor and City Council. He and Mike Kopp will be meeting next week with two, possible candidates for the two open EDC commissioner slots. He and Erin Van De Walle are working on the Retail Broker Event slated for June 24, 2015 at Lizzadro Museum. Early date emails have been sent and more specifics will be shared shortly.

Mayor Morley, Kevin York and Ken all commented briefly on the very active elements of economic development going on within Elmhurst. Elmhurst 255/Hahn Street, Wilder Crossing, the Addison Deck, the former Pier 1 site, the former Waverton site, Whole Foods opening on May 27, 2015 and others.

Due to the unusual nature of this EDC meeting, the remainder of the agenda was tabled to the next meeting of the EDC which is set for June 26, 2015.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.