

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, January 25, 2019
Elmhurst BMW – 500 W. Lake Street, Elmhurst

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Pat Wagner, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Chris LaBounty, Dave Pinkerton, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Tim Ricordati, Nina Coppola Radke, Mark Anglewicz

Absent: Julie Coan, Don Meyers, Melissa Villanueva

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

Bill Shanklin called the EDC to order at 7:32 a.m.

The EDC Minutes of December 28, 2018 were reviewed as submitted. Motion to approve by Diane McGinnis, seconded by Maryann Gorski. Motion passed by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

The election of EDC officers for a two-year term, 2019-2021, was conducted. A motion to nominate Bill Shanklin for Chairman was made by Tim Ricordati, seconded by Kurt Schiele. No other nominations. Motion passed by voice vote. A motion was made to nominate Rich Reichert for Vice Chair by Bill Shanklin and seconded by Diane McGinnis. No other nominations. Motion passed by voice vote.

The City's new Retail Grant incentive plan review committee calls for an EDC representative. Nina Coppola Radke volunteered to fill this position. A motion was made to nominate Nina to this role by Maryann Gorski and seconded by Brian Stolper. Motion passed by voice vote.

There were seven business visits recorded.

Erin Jason provided the EDC with updates on: Elmhurst Brewing Company, a new tuxedo shop, Fitz's, Culver's, Trans-Chicago, McDonald's, Burger King, Title Boxing, Condos on the Hill, One95, LMC, a downtown traffic study, Access O'Hare-West, the City's new incentive programs and the Business Parks Plan.

Mike Kopp provided information on: The Marke, new City Centre crosswalks, the Planned Unit Development ordinance, Water Smart, 97 new home permits in 2018, amenity decks and cargo containers and underpass electronic signage.

Rich Reichert shared information on the upcoming March 1st program at Elmhurst College: "The ABCs of Gens Y & Z". Promotion is beginning now. Erin mentioned the multi-chamber Economic Forecast luncheon on February 14th. John Quigley reminded the EDC of the Chamber Gala tonight at The Drake Hotel, it's a sell-out event. Erin shared that the Elmhurst Public Library will host a program featuring a panel of Elmhurst businesses on April 24th. Bill mentioned that the American Legion is exploring the hosting of a 2020 Legion baseball tournament in Elmhurst. Rich asked if the "Explore Elmhurst" site could be used to track and promote the easy sharing of live music venues and schedules within Elmhurst? He further wondered if the site could be adjusted to note one-day events before long-

duration events, the opposite of how it is now? This would better allow visitors to see what is happening 'today' first, then be able to see other events. Erin will mention these to Kassondra Schref at the City.

Bill invited our host, Kurt Schiele, to share some information about Elmhurst BMW. The business is 50 years in Elmhurst and still expanding. Business is very good and Kurt is excited for the future. Elmhurst Toyota is also doing very well. Kurt offered a site tour after the EDC adjournment.

The next EDC meeting will be Friday, February 22, 2019 at City Hall.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by Ken Bartels.