

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, June 22, 2018
Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York Street, Elmhurst, IL

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Maryann Gorski, Chris LaBounty, Tim Ricordati, Melissa Villanueva, Diane McGinnis, Nina Coppola Radke, Brian Stolper, Don Meyers, Dave Pinkerton

Absent: Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Pat Wagner, Julie Coan, Mark Anglewicz, Kurt Schiele

Also Present: Mark Mulliner, Kevin York, John Quigley, Tom Paravola, Erin Jason

Chairman Shanklin called the regular meeting of the EDC to order at 7:32 a.m.

Chairman Shanklin introduced new EDC Commissioner Dave Pinkerton and welcomed him to his first meeting.

Commissioner Ricordati moved to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2018. Commissioner Stolper seconded. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carried. The Minutes of the April 27, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner McGinnis moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 25, 2018. Commissioner Gorski seconded. Voice vote, unanimous, motion carried. The Minutes of the May 25, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

There were no public comments.

There were seven retention visits recorded.

Jeff Budgell, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Elmhurst Center for Performing Arts, was the guest speaker. Budgell updated the EDC on the results of the economic feasibility study completed earlier in 2018 by the ECPA. He reported that the results were very favorable and that the community could support a 550-seat main stage theatre. He discussed potential direct benefits to the City including job creation, generation of additional sales, food & beverage, and hotel/motel taxes, incremental growth earnings. He stated the ECPA is currently working with Elmhurst College to see if a collaboration between the two groups would work. The Commission asked questions on the timeline and funding for the project. Budgell explained that the next steps include securing a location and conducting a fundraising study with a goal of having the ECPA be primarily privately funded but that there is a large chance they will require additional assistance from Elmhurst.

Erin Jason shared a status list with the EDC: Mint Smile Studio, Fry the Coop, UPS Store, FPV Racing, American Eagle Jewelry Co., Windy City Ninjas, Sweetberry Bowls, West Suburban Office Supplies, At Home, and Burger King. She also reported on a new commuter shuttle service from an office park in Oak Brook, run by Chariot Shuttles. The service is the result of a

collaboration between the Village of Oak Brook, Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce, and several employers in Oak Brook. Jason also reported that Elmhurst College is hosting a group of international high school students this summer as part of a global studies curriculum. She stated the College is looking to expose the students to Elmhurst businesses who conduct international business transactions, to meet with them and tour their facilities.

Mike Kopp discussed the Aimco townhome project which will move forward with 58 new townhomes on the south side of Elmhurst in spring 2019. He also updated the EDC on the Opus project, FFC, ONE 95 Addison condo project, and the Condos on the Hill project. Kopp stated the DP&Z Committee will be discussing mobile food trucks and amenity decks at an upcoming meeting. He also reviewed changes at Patten Industries and conceptual projects being considered in the downtown.

Alderman York announced the Elmhurst Cycling Classic will return on Friday, July 27th and invited the EDC to attend the event which has grown in popularity and attendance over the years.

John Quigley discussed changes in the State of IL Budget. He also reminded the EDC that the annual Vintage Baseball Game would be taking place on Sunday, and invited any interested EDC members to attend.

Chairman Shanklin announced that the American Legion is hoping to bring back Cool Cars Under the Stars at the Legion, with support from surrounding businesses for car parking. He also stated that the Legion is looking at hosting a Queen of Hearts raffle in the future.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, July 27, 2018 at Mostardi Platt (888 Industrial Dr.).

The EDC was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Submitted by Erin K. Jason.