

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission  
Minutes of Friday, April 26, 2019  
City Hall – Conference Room #2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Pat Wagner, Diane McGinnis, Chris LaBounty, Dave Pinkerton, Brian Stolper, Tim Ricordati, Nina Radke, Don Meyers, Mark Anglewicz, Melissa Villanueva

Absent: Maryann Gorski, Kurt Schiele

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

Bill Shanklin, Chair, called the EDC to order at 7:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the March 22, 2019 meeting were moved for approval by Rich Reichert, seconded by Tim Ricordati and passed by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Bill mentioned that in his opinion the City is 'rebuilding itself' and that is a very good thing to do. Bill also congratulated Aldermen Mulliner and Sabatino on their recent reelections.

Bill reminded the EDC that Julie Coan had resigned leaving one, EDC-appointment available. Erin Jason shared information on five candidates that had applied to serve on the EDC for commissioner discussion. After a review of the candidates the following nominations were made:

Nina Radke nominated Kasindra Mladenoff, seconded by Dave Pinkerton.

Don Meyers nominated Scott LaMorte, seconded by Diane McGinnis.

Chris LaBounty nominated Nilesh Reshamwala, seconded by Melissa Villanueva.

Discussion ensued regarding the three nominated candidates. The EDC voted on each candidate by a show of hands vote for approval; Kasindra and Nilesh tied at 4 votes each, Scott received 3 votes. A re-vote between Kasindra and Nilesh resulted in a 7-4 vote in favor of Kasindra. This EDC nomination will be sent to the City Council for final approval.

There were eight retention/business visits recorded.

Chris LaBounty, Erin and Mike Kopp discussed the City's recent bid to purchase the Arcade Building on Addison Street. This property works well with the Subarea Plan in place for this area. Mike also stressed the importance of the commissioners making retention/business visits going forward. Erin updated the EDC on Yorky's, Code Ninjas, North York and Convenient.

The Women-in-Management event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in the 'Business Zone' at Community Bank of Elmhurst. It will be a breakfast event this year with more details to come.

Ken Bartels led a general discussion pertaining to potential EDC topics of interest for 2019 and beyond. The notes from this discussion will be shared in a separate email to the EDC list.

Tim thanked Tom Paravola and the City Centre staff and merchants for the very successful 'Bluejay Bash' for parents of admitted students. John Quigley reported on a visit to Springfield on April 3, 2019. John also commented on the April 23, 2019 Chamber spring luncheon dedicated to women in business. Rich shared that CBE will host a Chamber membership breakfast on May 16, 2019 in the Business Zone and the EDC will be invited.

The next EDC meeting will be on Friday, May 24, 2019 at Elmhurst College in the Lucks Conference Room located in Cureton Hall. A map was provided.

The EDC was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.