

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, June 28, 2019
City Hall – Conference Room #2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Pat Wagner, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Chris LaBounty, Brian Stolper, Tim Ricordati, Nina Radke, Don Meyers, Mark Anglewicz (arrived 7:40 a.m.), Melissa Villanueva

Absent: David Pinkerton, Kurt Schiele, Kasindra Mladenoff

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

Bill Shanklin, Chair, noting a quorum present, called the EDC to order at 7:30 a.m.

The Minutes of the May 24, 2019 meeting were moved for approval by Tim Ricordati and seconded by Nina Radke, and passed by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Bill commented on his parachute jump over Normandy as part of the 75th anniversary of D-Day in World War II. It had been 50 years since Bill's last jump. The EDC congratulated him on this very special moment. Bill further shared his thoughts on the EDC's ongoing role with retention/business visits. The visits are a key part of the EDC's role and purpose. If some commissioners are not comfortable in this role, then seek out Bill or Ken Bartels for partnering and insights going forward. The networking that these visits create is vitally important for the ongoing economic success of the City of Elmhurst businesses.

There were four retention/business visits recorded.

Maryann Gorski shared that she has sold K & T Colors. It was purchased by fellow commissioner Pat Wagner and his wife, Jennifer. The EDC congratulated both parties.

Erin Jason reported that the June 5, 2019 Women-in-Management Event was a fine success. Over 70 attended the breakfast event held at the Community Bank of Elmhurst in their Business Zone.

Erin continued with information on: USMC trade agreement, new gaming legislation in Illinois, Brewpoint Coffee being featured in the Elmhurst College 'Prospect' magazine, marijuana legislation in Illinois, Spavia, Market (not Marco's) Table, Dress Barn, Party City, Continental Logistics Solutions, Arco-Murray, Throw Nation, Pink Elephant, Elm Center, Maxine's, Sitters Studio, Honda on Grand and business-success videos. Discussion ensued on new legislation from the State and Elmhurst businesses.

Mike Kopp mentioned that The Marke is already 47% leased and 25% occupied. He further noted that the Lennar development project is likely to have exterior changes before construction begins on their Addison Street site. Mike then led the EDC through a 'TIF 101' refresher session covering TIF basics and their successful implementation in Elmhurst over many years. The PowerPoint will be shared with the EDC independent of these minutes. Discussion ensued on the use of TIF.

Erin outlined the newly configured EDC Subcommittees and their likely increased use over the next several months. There are four: Business Outreach, Business Parks, Citywide Development and Education. A slate of Commissioner subcommittee assignments was presented, OMA rules pertaining to subcommittees were reviewed, and information on Commissioner availability was requested so that meeting dates could be set. A motion to approve the new Subcommittee assignments as presented was made by Tim Ricordati and seconded by Pat Wagner, and approved by voice vote.

Tim also cited the recent announcement by Elmhurst College that it will become Elmhurst University on June 20, 2020. John Quigley shared that the Elmhurst Chamber has become involved with three daycare facilities in Elmhurst as they seek to resolve differences with the Illinois DCFS. Kevin York mentioned that the Elmhurst Cycling Classic will be Friday, July 26, 2019.

The next EDC meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Community Bank of Elmhurst in its Business Zone (330 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, second floor).

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

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.