

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, July 26, 2019
Community Bank of Elmhurst – Business Zone
330 W. Butterfield Road, Elmhurst

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Chris LaBounty, David Pinkerton, Brian Stolper, Tim Ricordati, Nina Radke, Don Meyers, Melissa Villanueva

Absent: Pat Wagner, Kasindra Mladenoff, Mark Anglewicz, Kurt Schiele

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

The EDC was called to order at 7:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the June 28, 2019 meeting were moved for approval by Diane McGinnis and seconded by Nina Radke, and passed by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Bill Shanklin commented on the reported \$189M in current development projects within Elmhurst. Clearly this is a sign of a vibrant City economy. Bill also asked about retention visits and five have been noted.

Erin Jason reported on four Retail Grant Applications recently reviewed. She also noted that new sign grant program has been popular and for replacement of existing and new business signage. Updates also on: 845 N. Larch, Kieft Brothers site, CTL, TechVoo, Edward Jones and Specialty Bakery. Erin lastly mentioned that the City Council's DPZ Committee will begin discussions on Elmhurst's future handling of marijuana businesses soon, a new entrepreneurs event is targeted for October 10, and the annual Real Estate Forum targeted for October 23 or 24.

Mike Kopp mentioned that Elmhurst is a key community for logistics companies and we are hearing from many of them. The Marke reports 26% occupancy to date, ahead of projections. The Lennar project is moving forward. The former Rainbow restaurant site on York Road has completed the required pre-meetings for the new PUD process, and is expected to officially submit plans soon. Lastly, the City can opt out of marijuana businesses, but could opt in and tax them at a 3% local rate. The City Council will decide this going forward.

Erin shared the make-up and initial meeting dates for the four EDC Subcommittees for 2019 which will be added to the EDC's official page of the City website. Future agendas and minutes from subcommittees will likewise be available on that page.

Under other business, the EDC discussed property tax issues within the State, County, and City initiated by an email with articles attached that was distributed to the Commission at the meeting from Commissioner Chris LaBounty. The State's overall economic circumstance and citizens leaving the State in large numbers are very concerning for the future. Erin reminded the Commission if there are specific topics they would like to address and potentially take action on that they need to submit the request prior to the agenda being prepared so that it can be added to the official agenda for said meeting.

John Quigley provided an update on the DCFS/child care facilities issue in Elmhurst. Erin reported on the status of Census 2020. Upcoming events: Cycling Classic on July 26, Big Boy steam engine on July 26, Select Chicago on August 7, Chicago Restaurant Brokers on July 31, and a food processors networking meeting at Kellogg's in Elmhurst on August 7.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, August 23, 2019 at City Hall, Conference Room #2.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Ken Bartels.