

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, August 23, 2019
City Hall – Conference Room #2

Present: Bill Shanklin, Chair, Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Maryann Gorski, Chris LaBounty, Brian Stolper, Tim Ricordati, Nina Radke, Kasindra Mladenoff

Absent: Pat Wagner, David Pinkerton, Kurt Schiele, Don Meyers, Mark Anglewicz, Melissa Villanueva

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

The EDC was called to order at 7:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the July 26, 2019 meeting were moved for approval by Rich Reichert and seconded by Brian Stolper, and passed by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

There were five retention/business visits noted.

Erin Jason reviewed the following: Culver's, Throw Nation, Premiere Childcare, Edward Jones, Spavia, Bookmark Ventures, Club Pilates, Patriot Boxing, Sitters Studio, Synapse House, Kellogg's, Avenue, Dress Barn and Party City. She also shared a brief video created by the City promoting New Home Star. This is the first of a series. Erin also mentioned the Elk Grove Village Tech Expo on October 14, the Real Estate Forum set for October 23 and the Makers & Shakers event on October 10.

Mike Kopp updated the EDC on: The Lennar project, Kieft Brothers property, the former HSBC site, and Culver's opening on August 26.

Erin reported that the Citywide Development and Business Parks Subcommittees met on August 19 and will meet again on September 16.

Eileen Franz, City Planner, led the EDC in a briefing and discussion pertaining to the upcoming approval of recreational marijuana within the State of Illinois. Effective January 1, 2020, adults over 21 can use marijuana legally anywhere. Sales locations, however, can be determined by municipalities and can be opted out of all-together. First at the DPZ Committee and then at the City Council, the City of Elmhurst's position on marijuana will be discussed and decided. It was noted that the City can tax such sales, should they be allowed, at 3%.

There were several announcements: Rich Reichert indicated that the refurbished cupola from Elmhurst Memorial Hospital is going up in the rear of the Community Bank of Elmhurst location at 330 W. Butterfield Road adjacent to the Whistler Prairie Garden. The likely date is September 19. Tom Paravola mentioned that Rock the Block will be September 6-7. Park Palooza on August 24. American Legion breakfast on September 11 and the Military Ball on September 28. John Quigley reported that the DeForest Building has been purchased by the Catalano Group.

The next EDC meeting will be held on September 27, 2019 at City Hall.

The EDC was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted as a draft by Erin Jason and Ken Bartels.