

Elmhurst Economic Development Commission
Minutes of Friday, January 24, 2020
City Hall – Conference Room #2

Present: Bill Shanklin (Chair), Rich Reichert, Vice Chair, Diane McGinnis, Kasindra Mladenoff, Chris LaBounty, David Pinkerton, Brian Stolper, Kurt Schiele, Tim Ricordati, Melissa Villanueva, Maryann Gorski, Pat Wagner

Absent: Don Meyers, Nina Radke, Mark Anglewicz

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

The EDC was called to order by Bill Shanklin at 7:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Tim Ricordati moved, seconded by Rich Reichert, to approve the EDC Minutes of December 20, 2019 as submitted. Voice vote, unanimous, motion passed.

There was no public comment.

Bill mentioned the recent, successful State of Our City event on January 16, 2020 with remarks by Mayor Steve Morley. He also mentioned that the Elmhurst American Legion will be assisting with a regional Legion baseball tournament being held in Elmhurst this summer.

Ken Bartels reminded all commissioners that have not as yet submitted their four retention/business visits for 2020 to please do so. There were six visits recorded.

Erin Jason asked all commissioners to review the EDC Subcommittee dates for the remainder of 2020 and to calendar them. She also indicated that optional OMA training will be held at City Hall on January 27, 2020 at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Also, the annual Commissioners Appreciation Event will be held on March 12, 2020 with invitations forthcoming.

Erin also updated the EDC on: Guac & Tacos, Workvanna, south Jewel shopping center facades, Waxing the City, Census 2020, Select Chicago visit to Elmhurst in April and Victoria's closing.

Mike Kopp reported that the City had 90 new homes built in 2019 vs. 97 in 2018. The City's zoning ordinances will be reviewed in 2020 for the first time since 1992 with focus groups soon to begin this effort. The City's purchase of the Arcade Building is complete with leases being reviewed. The consulting firm of Tracy Cross will likely be engaged for a Business Parks market study in February.

Erin led a discussion on EDC topics for consideration in 2020. Suggestions included: Subcommittee activity and agendas, existing and potential new Subarea Plans, EDC guest presenters, commissioner call-ins to EDC meetings, 50% of the EDC meetings being held off-site at Elmhurst businesses and organizations, BoardDoc usage, business sector revenue review, the EDC's advocacy role, long-term planning discussions and how to handle Elmhurst's landlocked status.

Kevin York announced that the Elmhurst College Men's Basketball team is currently ranked #4 in the nation. John Quigley mentioned the Chamber's Gala at The Drake Hotel on January 31, 2020 and Bill

Shanklin's induction into the Civic Hall of Fame. He also noted the Economic Outlook Luncheon is February 7, 2020.

The next EDC meeting is Friday, February 28, 2020.

Motion made by Diane McGinnis, seconded by Brian Stolper, to adjourn the EDC meeting at 8:55 a.m. Voice vote, unanimous, motion passed.

Submitted as a draft by Erin Jason and Ken Bartels.

Remember..."Economic Development is a 'contact sport'".