

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

May 31, 2019

Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Stacey Reibach, Joe Kramer, Valerie Fleischer, Chris Heck, Bill Callahan, Andrew George, Joe Bevins

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Chris Musuneggi called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2019:** John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Joe Kramer. Passed.
- IV. **1st Floor Ordinance Update** – Bill Callahan provided an update. The Solicitor and Planner drafted language based on Commission input that closely reflects language drafted by the Mt. Lebanon Partnership. This language was sent to Allegheny County Planning for their review and comment. Once Allegheny County Planning sends back their comments this issue will be brought back to the Commission at a Discussion Session. Currently a date is not available, but it is expected to come back to Commission sometime late summer/early fall. No additional discussion.
- V. **Economic Vitality Committee** – Bill Callahan and Eric Milliron recapped the Economic Vitality Committee meeting. Staff reviewed both the Comprehensive Plan and subsequent Uptown Strategic Plan with the committee. Committee members then discussed projects they feel correspond with appropriate passages in both plans. A document will be created for review with the committee that syncs projects with said passages. A tour of the Uptown District is slated for the June meeting. This will allow members to get a ground level view of the district and provide an opportunity for questions on specific parcels.
- VI. **Comp Plan/Uptown Strategic Plan Review** – Staff provided a presentation on both plans (similar to review at Economic Vitality Committee meeting) for the EDC. The EDC is seeking to insure our initiatives dovetail with plans and that we are preparing for the new comprehensive plan which will begin in the next few years.
- VII. **2019 Priorities** –The priorities presented to the Commission + Manager are:
 - a. **Uptown Public Space Improvement (PSI)** – this project includes sidewalk replacement, new street lighting and conduit as the primary short-term objective. In tandem are efforts to enhance connectivity to the Mt. Lebanon T Station and activating Parse Way.
 - b. **Retail/3rd Place Business Attraction** – Continued outreach to attract retail and 3rd Place businesses to our commercial districts on the ground level.
 - c. **Development Incentives** – research what is available in a community that is not low/mod/CDBG eligible to assist business/property owners with commercial investments.
 - d. **Support Active Park Use at McNeilly Park** – The EDC acknowledges the invest made by Mt. Lebanon to acquire ~23 acres of woodland on our northern border. The EDC would like to see this asset capitalized on with the installation of trails, signage and appropriate parking amenities.
 - e. **Monitor Progress of Residential Projects** – Robust residential markets mean robust commercial districts. The EDC will continue to monitor and support appropriate residential development to positively impact our commercial corridors.
 - f. **Continue to Use the Comprehensive Plan + Uptown Strategic Plans** – It is essential that the EDC utilize these 'crowdsourced' documents to inform our focus.
 - g. **Exploration of Development Committee – Joe Kramer made a motion for the EDC and Mt. Lebanon Partnership to evaluate the formation of a joint development committee to explore opportunities in the Uptown District and other strategic sites in the Municipality. John Vogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. As such, this will be added as a priority for 2019.**
- VIII. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. **Impact Development** – Staff and Bill Callahan reported on second Economic Vitality Committee meeting.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff informed EDC of new record store moving onto Washington Road.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Staff reported that new budget numbers have been received by Gateway for consideration in an upcoming bond vote.
 - d. **Place Making** – Planning for all events in 2019 is active.

- e. Parking Advisory Board Update – Staff updated EDC on potential improvements to the Overlook Lot in the Beverly District.

IX. Adjourn – John Vogel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.