

Approved
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

September 27, 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, Valerie Fleisher, Chris Heck, Joe Kramer, 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 August 30, 2019:** Valerie Fleisher noted that her name is not spelled correctly in the minutes. This will be corrected. John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by Val Fleisher. Passed.
- IV. **1st Floor Ordinance Update** – The Commission has decided to explore adoption of the conditional use option for 1F offices. The Commission will host a public hearing on this matter on October 7. The EDC will draft an email to the Commission expressing 'no support' for the conditional use language. This email will be sent by the Chair prior to the hearing.
- V. **Economic Vitality Committee (EVC)** – Eric Milliron provided an update about the EVC meeting. The meeting focused on how the Partnership can assist the Code Enforcement Officer with the municipality on matters related to the CBD and on properties to consider for development assistance.
- VI. **Vibrant Uptown Steering Committee** – Eric Milliron provided an update on the Vibrant Uptown Steering Committee's progress on design elements of the Uptown Streetscape project.
- VII. **McNeilly Park** – Joe Kramer presented a set of historical plans for the park property and updated the EDC on his efforts to discuss the need for further public involvement in its development. It was decided to ask a representative from the Parks Advisory Council to attend the October meeting.
- VIII. **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 investment 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.
- IX. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. **Impact Development** – No report.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff informed EDC new business start-up activity.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Please see above.
 - d. **Place Making** – Mt. Lebanon Artists' Market was held on September 21 and 22. It was a great success.
 - e. **Parking Advisory Board Update** – No report.
- X. **Adjourn** – Valerie Fleisher made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.