

**Economic Development Council
AGENDA**

February 28, 2020
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building- Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen's Comments
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 31, 2020
- IV. Economic Vitality Committee Update – Bill Callahan/Betsy Benson/Eric Milliron
- V. Vibrant Uptown Steering Committee – Eric Milliron/Chris Musuneggi
- VI. EDC 2020 Priorities + Work Plan
- VII. EDC 2020 Priorities – Staff sent an email prior to meeting requesting a list of issues of priority for voting EDC members. Staff aggregated responses for review. The priorities identified are:
 - a. **Vibrant Uptown** – The EDC will work with Mt. Lebanon Partnership through the joint Economic Development Committee to identify grant opportunities to support the Vibrant Uptown project. Schematic work to be complete by April 2020 and bid documents prepared by fall 2020. Spring 2021 construction start.
 - b. **South Garage** – EDC will appoint a liaison to the parking advisory board to form an ad hoc committee to review the potential redevelopment options and/or upgrades of the South Garage. Findings and recommendations should be outlined and reviewed by the entire EDC and subsequently sent to the Commission and staff for review and consideration by November 30, 2020.
 - c. **Collaboration with Mt. Lebanon Partnership** –
 - i. **Annual Meeting Business Summit** – The EDC in potential cooperation with the MLP, will plan and host an annual business summit. The purpose of the summit is to extend goodwill to local business/property owners, through socialization, information sharing, and educational programming. The event is intended to establish the EDC as a bridge between municipal government and the local business community. Municipal staff and the Commission should be invited to participate and attend. The event should take place before October 30, 2020.
 - d. **Retail Business/3rd Place Business Attraction** – Continued advocacy of the EDC's position on the proposed zoning ordinance to the commission. This includes participation in public meetings. The EDC will evaluate the municipalities current business recruitment focus and strategies and make recommendations about what policies should continue and what practices should be considered for future implementation. Recommendations should be forwarded to the Commission by September 2020.
 - e. **Support Active Park Use at McNeilly Park** – The EDC will revisit this subject spring 2020.
 - f. **Development Site Review + Monitoring** – The EDC working with EVC will make an ongoing effort to review existing residential and commercial development site opportunities and pending development and provide guidance to the commission as needed. The EDC will devise a plan to draft a development incentive source guide by December 2019 for the purpose of assisting the commission, staff, and developers in identifying potential ways to structure financing of a development project. The source guide will be comprised of local, county, state, federal and foundation resources.
 - i. **PA Blvd. Vacant Properties** – EDC will summarize the existing conditions and potential acquisition and development of the Pennsylvania Avenue properties located adjacent to the Poplar T Station. Utilization of Allegheny County's vacant property program will be reviewed. Development opportunities, if any, including a potential dog park will be reviewed. Findings and recommendations to be forwarded to the Commission and staff for review and consideration by November 20, 2020.
- VIII. 2019 Pillar Review (time allowing)
 - a. Impact Development –
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Meeting with Galleria Management
 - c. Public Realm –
 - d. Place Making – Light Up Night
 - e. Parking Advisory Board Update – Exploring new signage for garages
- IX. Adjourn

***Next meeting will be **Friday, March 27, 2020**