

**APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

January 31, 2020
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, Elaine Evosevic, Stacey Reibach, Chris Heck, Joe Kramer Andrew Flynn, Bill Callahan

Commission Liaison: Andrew Flynn

Guest: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Chris Musuneggi called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2019:** Stacey Reibach made a motion to accept the minutes. Elaine Evosevic seconded the motion. Passed.
- IV. **Economic Vitality Committee (EVC) –** Eric Milliron, Bill Callahan, and Chris Musuneggi provided an update about the EVC meeting. The EVC reviewed a presentation by Towne Center Associates concerning a code enforcement process and tool they can offer to the municipality. Manager McGill and Chief Building Inspector Sarver also attended. It was decided to revisit this tool later in 2020 once the Inspections Department is fully staffed and we begin the 2021 budget process. A meeting with members of the EVC and Denis Theatre Board took place. The EVC is seeking to ensure that the Denis' plans align with the goals and objectives of the EVC and MLPB.
- V. **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. It has been determined by the Leadership Committee that subject experts related to Urban Design/Placemaking and ADA matters be retained. The Leadership Committee will be moving forward with proposals submitted by LaQuatra Bonci and Assoc. and Penny Reddy an ADA expert.
- VI. **EDC 2020 Priority DRAFT:**
 - a. Vibrant Uptown
 - b. Comprehensive Plan
 - c. Economic Vitality Committee
 - d. Annual Meeting/Business Summit
 - e. Promotion of Vibrant Uptown Project
 - f. South Garage – working with Parking Advisory Board
 - g. Reengage the non-voting members of EDC/Consider updating EDC ordinance
 - h. Pennsylvania Blvd./Vacant Property Working Group

*McNeilly Parking – Revisit spring 2020 and/or after Parks Advisory Council has engaged in conversations re: parks master plan.
- VII. **2019 Priorities –**The priorities presented to the Commission + Manager are:
 - a. **Vibrant Uptown** – 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.
- VIII. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan –**
 - a. Impact Development – No report.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Staff discussed the opening of Bull River Taco and other updates.
 - c. Public Realm – Please see above.
 - d. Place Making – Beverly Road Brite Nite took place earlier in the month.
 - e. Parking Advisory Board Update – No report.
- IX. **Adjourn –** Joe Kramer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Stacey Reibach.