

**APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

March 23, 2018

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

In attendance:

John Vogel, Chris Musuneggi, Cheri Acrey, Elaine Evosovich, Stacey Reibach, Ray Giarrusso, Bill Callahan, Rick Sabeh

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest Speaker: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Ray Giarrusso called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2018 :** EDC reviewed minutes. Cheri Acrey made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Chris Musuneggi. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **Review Proposed 2018 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.
- V. **2018 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. Impact Development – Staff reported that a grant request of \$500k will be submitted to RAAC for the Uptown PSI.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Staff provided an update on a proposal submitted on the North Garage Space + Grandpa Joe's is soon to open.
 - c. Public Realm – Staff provided update on submitted CITF grant application for PSI. Staff will also be submitting another GEDF grant application to Allegheny County.
 - d. Place Making – Staff provided an update on a public art/Parse Way activation study being developed by the Mt. Lebanon Partnership. To be presented in the spring.
 - e. Parking Advisory Board Update – Staff discussed the rollout of our new mobile pay application (Passport Parking).

***Staff thanked Cheri Acrey and Ray Giarrusso for their decade of service on the EDC. Staff presented both with a box of Girl Scout cookies (Thin Mints)
- VI. **Adjourn** – Ray Giarrusso made a motion to adjourn at 9a. Motion seconded by John Vogel. Passed unanimously.