

**APPROVED**  
**Economic Development Council**  
**MINUTES**

April 27, 2018

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

**In attendance:**

John Vogel, Chris Musuneggi, Joe Kramer, Chris Heck, Stacey Reibach, Bill Callahan, Mose McNeese

**Commission Liaison:** John Bendel

**Guest Speaker:** Mara Dowdy, Mt. Lebanon Partnership Design Chair/Board Member

**Staff:** Eric Milliron

\*\*\*EDC selected Chris Musuneggi as Chair and John Vogel as Co-Chair since Departure of Ray Giarrusso.

- 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 March 23, 2018 :** EDC reviewed minutes. Stacey Reibach made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by John Vogel. 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/3<sup>rd</sup> Place Business Attraction** – Continued outreach to attract retail and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – No Report.
  - b. Business Attraction + Retention –
    - i. Mara Dowdy (MTLP) presented a Powerpoint on reasoning behind encouraging more retail/restaurant uses on street facing storefronts in the CBD. The EDC held discussion on the topic with the presenter. No action was taken in response to discussion. The municipal planner will be in attendance at the May meeting to discuss his memo to the planning board on the issue.
    - ii. Staff provided an update on a proposal submitted on the North Garage Space + Grandpa Joe's is soon to open.
  - c. Public Realm – GEDF Grant submitted for PSI project (\$500k).
  - 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).
- VI. **Adjourn** – Chris Musuneggi made a motion to adjourn at 9 a.m. Motion seconded by John Vogel. Passed unanimously.