

**APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

September 28, 2018
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Joe Kramer, Stacey Reibach,

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 31, 2018:** EDC reviewed minutes. Stacey Reibach made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by John Vogel. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **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 updated EDC on efforts with investors to potentially acquire properties in the Uptown District for rehab. Joe Kramer discussed creation of a Development Committee with members of the EDC and Mt. Lebanon Partnership to more proactively address economic development opportunities within the Municipality. He is developing an outline of objectives for joint consideration.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff updated EDC on developments with lease for North Garage and leads for filling recent vacancies.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Staff submitted DCED Multimodal Grant application and informed EDC that we have not been updated on status.
 - d. **Place Making** – Mt. Lebanon Artists' Market took place and was a success. Staff is partnering with Mt. Lebanon High School English Department on an Uptown Haiku Pop Up Art project to beautify planters during winter months.
 - e. **Parking Advisory Board Update** – Upgrades to North Garage signage continue. Municipality has installed LED signage to assist with navigation and offer real time occupancy information.
- VI. **Other Business:** None.
- VII. **Adjourn** – John Vogel made a motion to adjourn at 9a. Motion seconded by Joe Kramer. Passed unanimously.