

**Approved
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

August 30, 2019
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Stacey Reibach, Valerie Fleisher, Joe Kramer (conferenced) Betsy Benson, Bill Callahan, Andrew George

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 June 28, 2019:** Joe Kramer noted that he was not in attendance at the June meeting and could not have seconded the approval of minutes for May 31st. Eric Milliron will correct. It had been Val Fleischer. John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Seconded by Val Fleischer. Passed.
- IV. **1st Floor Ordinance Update** – The Solicitor and Planner drafted language based on Commission input that closely reflects language drafted by the Mt. Lebanon Partnership. The Commission has decided to explore adoption of the conditional use option for 1F offices. The Commission will host a public hearing on this matter and potential vote on October 7th. The EDC will deliberate on what communication, if any, the Council will take on this matter.
- V. **Economic Vitality Committee (EVC)** – Joe Kramer provided an update about the EVC meeting. The meeting focused on properties to consider for development assistance and the ongoing development of a funding incentive matrix. Mr. Kramer offered that he no longer is able to serve on this committee. The EVC would consider having another member of the EDC join to replace Mr. Kramer.
- VI. **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.
- VII. **Uptown Walk Through** – Members of the EVC toured the CBD over the summer. Eric Milliron offered the same opportunity to the EDC. It has been suggested that a tour could take place on Sunday, September 22nd during the Artists' Market. Mr. Milliron will organize.
- VIII. **2019 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 investment 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.
 - g. Exploration of Development Committee – Joe Kramer made a motion for the EDC and Mt. Lebanon Partnership to evaluate the formation of a joint development committee to explore opportunities in the Uptown District and other strategic sites in the Municipality. John Vogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. As such, this will be added as a priority for 2019.
- IX. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. **Impact Development** – Staff provided an update on property at the corner of Bower Hill and Washington Road.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff informed EDC new business start-up activity.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Please see above.
 - d. **Place Making** – Mt. Lebanon Artists' Market will be held on September 21st and 22nd.

- e. Parking Advisory Board Update – The Commission will be reviewing updated plans for improvements at the Overlook Lot.
- IV. Other Business** – Joe Kramer discussed his interest in McNeilly Field having a renewed opportunity for public input on the use and/or planning of the acreage. This matter will be discussed at the September meeting.
- X. Adjourn** – Stacey Reibach made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.