

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

April 26, 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, Joe Kramer, Chris Heck, Bill Callahan

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:** Cynthia Bogнар, Debbie Ray (Bognar), Lori Moran and Bill Pentegost (Cipriani + Werner) attended the meeting to discuss their opposition to the Central Business District 1F Office Ordinance.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from March 29, 2019:** John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Joe Kramer. Passed.
- IV. **Reorganization** – Discussion was had about the Chair and Vice Chair position. After discussion Joe Kramer made a motion to have Chris Musuneggi serve another year as Chair, and John Vogel as Vice Chair. Stacey Reibach seconded. Passed unanimously.
- V. **1st Floor Ordinance Update** – Bill Callahan provided an update on the Commission Discussion session on this matter. The ordinance will be redrafted to reflect more of the Partnership's language as per Commission direction. This language will then go back to Allegheny County Planning for their review and comment. This matter will come back to the Commission for discussion at a later date.
- VI. **Development Committee** – Bill Callahan and Eric Milliron recapped the first Development Committee meeting. The Committee will be named the Economic Vitality Committee and will identify both development opportunities in the Uptown corridor as well as identify incentives via state, local, national and foundations to encourage appropriate development. Staff will be presenting an abridged review of both the Mt. Lebanon Comp Plan and the Uptown Strategic Plan at the next meeting.
- VII. **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.**
- VIII. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. **Impact Development** – Staff and Bill Callahan reported on second Economic Vitality Committee meeting.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff updated EDC on leads for current vacancies in the Uptown District.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Staff reported that Gateway Engineers is surveying the PSI area to button up numbers.
 - d. **Place Making** – Planning for all events in 2019 is active.
 - e. **Parking Advisory Board Update** – Staff updated EDC on potential improvements to the Overlook Lot in the Beverly District.
- IX. **Adjourn** – John Vogel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.