

**Mt. Lebanon Economic Development Council  
MINUTES**

November 22, 2013

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

**In attendance:**

Blaine Lucas, Ray Giarrusso, Cheri Acrey, Dale Cowher, Bob Hagerty, Elaine Evosevic-Lozada, Euclid Noble, Rick Sabeh, Jim Bentz, Dan Remley and Joel Cluskey

**Absent:** Jim DiGregory, and Commissioner Bendel

**Commission Liaison:** Bendel

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Staff:** Eric Milliron

**I. Call to Order:** Blaine Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

**II. Citizen Comments:** No Comments.

**III. Approval of the Minutes:**

October 25, 2013 minutes were reviewed. Ray Giarrusso made a motion to approve. Seconded by Dale Cowher.

**IV. Pillar Updates –**

a. Impact Development

1. Air Rights Development Consultant – Delta Development

- a. Staff review documents that assessed the current market conditions for the air rights site. It was determined that a mixed use tower would make the most sense. The tower would be primarily rental residential with a smaller opportunity for commercial office. It was not felt that retail would apply.
- b. The EDC also review a blend of financing sources that could be considered to finance the project.

1. According to information provided by Delta this project has a ~\$20M gap.

- c. Public Participation Strategy – staff discussed proposed dates and methods to garner input. Staff will be coordinating with PIO.

2. DCED Main Street Application – Staff will be touring Mr. Albert D’Alessandro (DCED Western PA Director) in the Main Street district on 11.26.2013. There has been no determination on our application submitted in late October 2013.

b. Business Attraction + Retention

1. Staff updated EDC about new businesses:

- a. Hitchhiker Brewing Company – Castle Shannon Blvd.
- b. Duke’s Pub + Pizza – Castle Shannon Blvd.
- c. Jade Grille – Washington Road

2. Staff provided an update on hotel.

c. Public Realm – Staff discussed the creation of a functioning bike/ped committee as part of the Mt. Lebanon Partnership’s Main Street efforts. This committee would resurrect the Tour de MTL and promote various initiatives around bike/ped safety + advocacy. A meeting is scheduled for early December.

d. Placemaking – Staff reviewed Small Business Saturday, Beverly Brite Nite and Winterfest 2014.

e. Parking – No Report.

**V. Other Business – None**

**VI. Adjourn** – A motion to adjourn was made by Elaine Evosevic-Lozada. Seconded by Ray Giarrusso.