

**Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

September 26, 2014

Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building — Conference Room C

710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Cheri Acrey, Blaine Lucas, Euclid Noble, Elaine Evosevic-Lozada, Bob Hagerty Dale Cowher, Rebecca Wanovich, James Bentz, Rick Sabeh

Absent: Ray Giarrusso, Joel Clusky, Dan Remley and Commissioner Bendel

Commission Liaison: Bendel

Guest Speaker: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Blaine Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** No comments.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from August 29, 2014:**
August 29, 2014, minutes were reviewed. Dale Cowher made a motion to approve. Seconded by Euclid Noble.
- IV. **Pillar Review**
 - a. Impact Development – Staff and members of the TOD Committee met with TREK to discuss their proposal. The proposal calls for 28 units of mixed income senior housing. There is a heavy reliance on Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHT). The project is estimated to cost ~\$9m and carry a \$1m gap related to providing parking. The project called for 56 internal parking spaces. The Committee requested that TREK explore this project as market rate. They will provide additional information once completed.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention
 - i. Business Updates – Burgerz and Dogz is expected to open September 29, 2014
 - ii. Hotel Update – Staff handed out an update from developer.
 - c. Public Realm – A meeting with Columbia Gas was held to discuss where their service lines run.
 - d. Place Making
 - i. Upcoming Events

1. Plein Air – second week of October; Tour de MTL takes place at the same time

V. Other Business – Staff introduced a new business district promotion called 'Walking to Prosperity'. This initiative would be a partnership between the Partnership, St. Clair Hospital and the business districts to incentivize more residents to walk to shops and restaurants.

VI. Adjourn

***Next meeting will be October 31 @ 7.30A