

**Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

October 31, 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, Ray Giarrusso Rebecca Wanovich, Dan Remley, Rick Sabeh, Commissioner Bendel

Absent: Joel Clusky

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 September 26, 2014:**
September 26, 2014, minutes were reviewed. Dale Cowher made a motion to approve. Seconded by Cheri Acrey.
- IV. **Pillar Review**
 - a. Impact Development – The EDC discussed the pros and cons of the TREK proposal (Mr. Lucas recused himself from discussions). The EDC concluded that the proposal did not typify the catalytic project that this site can support. Therefore, the recommendation to take forward to the Commission follows by way of motion:
 - i. MOTION (Euclid Noble) => *The EDC recommends that the Commission not pursue the project proposed by TREK Development as submitted.* This motion was seconded by Dale Cowher. Passed Unanimously with one abstention (Blaine Lucas)
 - ii. The EDC will revisit an economic development funding matrix developed by staff. This matrix will point the community towards tools to incentivize development within Mt. Lebanon.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention
 - i. Business Updates – Burgerz and Dogz is expected to open September 29, 2014, My Big Fat Greek Gyro is undergoing renovations and will be part of a reality show (The Profit), Yogli

Mogli is closing for the winter and a new Sicilian restaurant will be opening in the Executive Building (Arancini House).

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 – Staff updating the EDC about Plein Air and the Tour de MTL. He also notified the Council about upcoming events such as Holiday celebrations and Winterfest.

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 **November 21** @ 7.30A