

**Approved
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

November 21, 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, Bob Hagerty Dale Cowher, Ray Giarrusso,
Dan Remley, Commissioner Bendel

Absent: *Elaine Evosevic-Lozada*, Joel Clusky, Rick Sabeh, Rebecca Wanovich
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 October 31, 2014:**
October 31, 2014, minutes were reviewed. Ray Giarusso made a motion to approve. Seconded by Euclid Noble.
- IV. **Pillar Review**
 - a. Impact Development –
 - i. The EDC discussed the idea of hosting a developer roundtable to discuss + identify development opportunities identified in the Comp Plan, and brainstorm other opportunities. The roundtable concept was not favored. It was felt that most developers will not freely discuss concepts with potential competitors in the room. The EDC felt a better solution to invite developers to EDC sessions to discuss the aforementioned. The short list include Zamagias and Kossman.
 - ii. The EDC revisited an economic development funding matrix developed by staff. This matrix offers the community tools to incentivize development within Mt. Lebanon.
 1. A large portion of the Municipality has been declared a Historic District. The Municipality will be bringing in an expert to discuss the tax credit benefits of this designation in the 1Q/2Q of 2015

- b. Business Attraction + Retention
 - i. Business Updates – Staff discussed the impending opening of Dunkin Donuts along Washington Road (near Primanti’s).
 - ii. Hotel Update – Staff updated the EDC on the current progress.
- c. Public Realm – No report.
- d. Place Making – Staff updated 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 –

- VI. Adjourn –** Euclid Noble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9am. Ray Giarusso seconded the motion. Pass unanimously.