

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

September 25, 2015

Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C

710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Ray Giarrusso, Cheri Acrey, Dale Cowher, John Vogel, Chris Musuneggi, Raelin Musuraca Jim Bentz, and Rebecca Wanovich

Absent: Elaine Evosevic-Lozada, Commissioner Bendel, Bill Moorehead, Jim Bentz, Rebecca Wanovich, Ben Wetmore

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest Speaker: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

I. Call to Order: Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

II. Citizen's Comments: None.

III. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2015:

August minutes were reviewed. Chris Musuneggi made a motion to approve. Seconded by Dale Cowher.

IV. Pillar Review

- a. Impact Development – EPD discussed progress made on Strategic Plan. Staff discussed the breakdown of the first floor commercial use (i.e. retail, restaurant and professional services). The EDC discussed the importance of Parse Way and the connectivity between Washington Road and the light rail station. Currently the connection is weak and Parse Way is not functioning at the level it ought to be.
- b. Business Attraction + Retention
 - i. Staff provided brief updates on business closings and openings in the commercial districts.
- c. Public Realm –
 - i. Staff updated EDC about Beverly Road project. Project is complete with the exception of installation of benches and trash cans. A few small areas of brick remain and will be addressed.

- d. Place Making –
 - i. Staff updated the EDC on First Fridays, the Uptown Market, Uptown Artists' Market and development of an October event to replace Ultra Party.
 - e. Parking Advisory Board – No Report.
- V. Other Business** – None.
- VI. Adjourn** – Dale Cowher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9am. Cheri Acrey seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.