

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

December 18, 2015

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

In attendance:

Ray Giarrusso, Cheri Acrey, Raelin Musuraca, Dale Cowher, John Vogel, Chris Musuneggi, Rick Sabeh, Ben Wetmore, Rebecca Wanovich, Jim Bentz and Bill Callahan

Absent: Elaine Evosevic-Lozada, John Vogel Commissioner Bendel

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 November 20, 2015:** Cheri Acrey made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Dale Cowher seconded.
- IV. **Denis Theatre Presentation** – Alan Trivilino from the Denis Theatre Foundation presented an update on their fundraising efforts. They are in the process of raising funds to unlock two matching grants, he reviewed programming activities that took place in 2015 and shared various documents showing how the space would be used. Mr. Trivilino will join the EDC in 2016 to provide another update.
- V. **Pillar Review**
 - a. Impact Development – Staff discussed the progress of the Uptown Strategic Plan. This plan will be in final draft form late December with the intention of finalizing the plan in early 2016. The EDC will be presented the initial draft for comment. Once approved by EDC it will be presented to the Commission.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention
 - i. Staff provided brief updates on business closings and openings in the commercial districts. Discussion focused on the former Walnut Grille and Block 292 in the Beverly Road corridor.

- c. Public Realm – A brief report was presented about agenda items on the Mt. Lebanon Partnership Design Committee’s upcoming meeting.
- d. Place Making – Staff updated EDC about forthcoming 2016 events.
- e. Parking Advisory Board – Staff updated the EDC about upcoming changes to Mt. Lebanon’s parking management software. A more detailed report will follow in 2016.

VI. Other Business – None.

VII. Adjourn – Chris Musuneggi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9am. Raelin Musuraca seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.