

**APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

May 18, 2018

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

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, Joe Kramer, Chris Heck, Raelin Musuraca, Bill Callahan, Jim Bentz,

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest: Mara Dowdy, Mt. Lebanon Partnership

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Chris Musuneggi called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2018:** EDC reviewed minutes. Chris Heck made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Raelin Musuraca. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **CBD Zoning Update:** Municipal Planner Ian McMeans reviewed documents that he will be discussing with the Planning Board at their May meeting. These documents reflect proposed adjustments to the zoning code that can encourage retail/restaurant uses rather than professional office. The EDC is considering make a formal motion on the matter at an upcoming meeting. No formal position was taken.
- V. **Mt. Lebanon Partnership Strategic Plan:** Bill Callahan briefly updated the EDC on their recently completed Strategic Plan. There is a renewed commitment to the Main Street approach to maintaining Uptown's vibrancy. There is also a renewed focus on attracting new talent and volunteers to the organization. A networking + discovery session will take place on Tuesday, June 12 from 6 to 8p at Howard Hanna's Uptown location. The EDC was encouraged to attend. To further solidify the relationship between the EDC and Partnership a motion was put up for a vote:

Motion – Joe Kramer made a motion that the EDC should send a designated representative to Mt. Lebanon Partnership meetings. Seconded by Raelin Musuraca. Passed Unanimously.

- VI. **Review Proposed 2018 Priorities** –The priorities presented to the Commission + Manager are:
 - a. **Uptown Public Space Improvement (PSI)** – this project includes sidewalk replacement, new street lighting and conduit as the primary short-term objective. In tandem are efforts to enhance connectivity to the Mt. Lebanon T Station and activating Parse Way.
 - b. **Retail/3rd Place Business Attraction** – Continued outreach to attract retail and 3rd Place businesses to our commercial districts on the ground level.
 - c. **Development Incentives** – research what is available in a community that is not low/mod/CDBG eligible to assist business/property owners with commercial investments.
 - d. **Support Active Park Use at McNeilly Park** – The EDC acknowledges the invest made by Mt. Lebanon to acquire ~23 acres of woodland on our northern border. The EDC would like to see this asset capitalized on with the installation of trails, signage and appropriate parking amenities.
 - e. **Monitor Progress of Residential Projects** – Robust residential markets mean robust commercial districts. The EDC will continue to monitor and support appropriate residential development to positively impact our commercial corridors.
 - f. **Continue to Use the Comprehensive Plan + Uptown Strategic Plans** – It is essential that the EDC utilize these 'crowdsourced' documents to inform our focus.
- VII. **2018 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. Impact Development – Staff attended a meeting with Port Authority regarding their investments to Dormont Junction and potentially Mt. Lebanon Station.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention –

- c. Public Realm – Staff working on grants for PSI. The Partnership Placemaking Plan (P3) will be presented to the Commission at the June 12 meeting.
- d. Place Making – The Uptown Farmers' Market has started. The first First Friday will be June 1, 7 – 10 p.m.
- e. Parking Advisory Board Update – No report.

VIII. Adjourn – Joe Kramer made a motion to adjourn at 9 a.m. Motion seconded by Chris Musuneggi. Passed unanimously.