

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

June 22, 2018

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

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Stacey Reibach, Chris Heck, Raelin Musuraca, Bill Callahan

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest: Mara Dowdy, Tim Steinouer, (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 May 18, 2018 :** EDC reviewed minutes. Chris Musuneggi made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Chris Heck. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **CBD Zoning Update:** Municipal Planner Ian McMeans reviewed documents that he will be discussing with the Planning Board at their June meeting. These documents reflect proposed adjustments to the zoning code that can encourage retail/restaurant uses rather than professional office. Representatives from the Mt. Lebanon Partnership discussed their position on the matter. After discussion, the EDC voted to support the intention of the zoning text change as reviewed provided that Section 2a be struck. A vote was taken to have staff submit a Memo to the appropriate parties. The vote passed with four (4) yea votes and one (1) nay. Staff will prepare the Memo.
- V. **Mt. Lebanon Partnership Strategic Plan:** Tim Steinouer from the Mt. Lebanon Partnership and Eric Milliron presented the recently developed Partnership Placemaking Plan (hereafter "P3") to the EDC. The P3 seeks to add artistic vibrancy, Parse Way activation and enhance connectivity to the Mt. Lebanon T Station. Chris Musuneggi motioned to support the P3. 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 investment 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 – Mt. Lebanon will be hosting a workshop with Connect and Port Authority regarding development of a comprehensive TOD development document commissioned by the aforementioned. EDC is encouraged to attend. The workshop will be on Wednesday, July 25th in the Commission Chambers.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Staff updated EDC on developments with lease for North Garage and a new Brazilian spa above the Totopo restaurant.

- c. Public Realm – Staff working DCED Multimodal Grant application.
- d. Place Making – The first First Friday will be June 1st from 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.