

**APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES**

August 31, 2018

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

In attendance:

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Joe Kramer, Chris Heck, Stacey Reibach, Bill Callahan

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest: None

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 July 27, 2018 :** EDC reviewed minutes. Joe Kramer made a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Chris Musuneggi. Passed unanimously.
- IV. **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.
- V. **2018 Pillar/Work Plan** –
 - a. Impact Development – Staff working with investors to potentially acquire properties in the Uptown District for rehab. These discussions are in exploratory stage.
 - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Staff updated EDC on developments with lease for North Garage and a new Brazilian spa above the Totopo restaurant. Staff also discussed other leads interested in locating to Mt. Lebanon.
 - c. Public Realm – Staff submitted DCED Multimodal Grant application.
 - d. Place Making – Ultra Redux took place on August 3rd. It is staff's opinion this will be the last year. The Mt. Lebanon Partnership is exploring an event to replace.
 - e. Parking Advisory Board Update – No report.
- VI. **Other Business:** John Vogel made a motion that the EDC supports the DCED Multimodal Grant application being submitted by the Municipality. Raelin Musuraca seconded. Passed unanimously.
- VII. **Adjourn** – John Vogel made a motion to adjourn at 9 a.m. Motion seconded by Stacey Reibach. Passed unanimously.