

**APPROVED**  
**Economic Development Council**  
**MINUTES**

December 21, 2018  
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C  
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
7:30 A.M.

**In attendance:**

Chris Musuneggi, Chris Heck, Stacey Reibach, Joe Kramer, Valerie Fleisher

**Commission Liaison:** John Bendel

**Guest:** Steve Denenberg, Craig Grella, Betsy Benson, Chris Reiderbaugh, Jeff Weiner, Tim Steinouer, Dorene Ciletti,

**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 November 30, 2018:** John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Stacey Reibach. Valerie Fleisher recused. Passed.
- IV. **EDC + Partnership Introductions** – The December EDC meeting was a joint session between the Council and Mt. Lebanon Partnership. Introductions of both groups took place.
- V. **Discussion of Exploring Creation of Joint Development Committee** – Joe Kramer presented and led a discussion about development of a joint committee between the two groups to address and encourage commercial development throughout the Municipality. After discussion, it was decided that exploration of the concept is worthwhile. The Partnership Board will discuss at its February meeting. If the Partnership also wishes to move forward a kickoff meeting will take place in the 1Q of 2019 with an exploratory group comprised of members of both parties.
- VI. **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/3<sup>rd</sup> Place Business Attraction** – Continued outreach to attract retail and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
  - g. **Exploration of Development Committee – Joe Kramer made a motion for the EDC and Mt. Lebanon Partnership to evaluate the formation of a joint development committee to explore opportunities in the Uptown District and other strategic sites in the Municipality. John Vogel seconded the motion. Motion carried. As such, this will be added as a priority for 2019.**
- VII. **Work Plan Development** – The EDC reviewed work plan for 2019. Composition of work plan will remain the same as it has and will be refined throughout 2019.
- VIII. **2018 Pillar/Work Plan** –
  - a. **Impact Development** – No report.
  - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff updated EDC on leads for current vacancies in the Uptown District.
  - c. **Public Realm** – Staff is waiting for the Commonwealth Finance Authority (SFA) Board to meet and take action on a DCED Multi Modal application for the Uptown PSI.
  - d. **Place Making** – All placemaking events of 2018 have been completed.
  - e. **Parking Advisory Board Update** – No update.
- IX. **Other Business:** None.
- X. **Adjourn** – Stacey Reibach made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Kramer.