

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

March 29, 2019

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, Joe Kramer, Chris Heck, Andrew George, Bill Callahan

Commission Liaison: John Bendel

Guest: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** John Vogel called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** No Comments.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2019:** Chris Heck made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Stacey Reibach. Passed.
- IV. **Development Committee –** Bill Callahan and Eric Milliron recapped the first Development Committee meeting. The Committee will be named the Economic Vitality Committee and will identify both development opportunities in the Uptown corridor as well as identify incentives via state, local, national and foundations to encourage appropriate development. Staff then made a presentation on development opportunities throughout the Municipality. This is the same presentation the Economic Vitality Committee viewed.
- V. **2019 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.
 - 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.**
- VI. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan –**
 - a. **Impact Development** – Staff and Bill Callahan reported on first Economic Vitality Committee meeting.
 - b. **Business Attraction + Retention** – Staff updated EDC on leads for current vacancies in the Uptown District.
 - c. **Public Realm** – Staff reported that Mt. Lebanon received a \$750,000 Multi Modal grant for the streetscape project.
 - d. **Place Making** – Planning for all events in 2019 is active.
 - e. **Parking Advisory Board Update** – Staff updated EDC on potential improvements to the Overlook Lot in the Beverly District.
- VII. **Other Business:** None.
- VIII. **Adjourn –** John Vogel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.