

**APPROVED  
Economic Development Council  
MINUTES**

June 28, 2019

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

**In attendance:**

Chris Musuneggi, John Vogel, Elaine Evosovich Valerie Fleisher, Mara Dowdy, Andrew George, Joe Bevins

**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 May 31, 2019:** John Vogel made a motion to accept minutes. Seconded by Joe Kramer. Passed.
- IV. **1<sup>st</sup> Floor Ordinance Update** – The Solicitor and Planner drafted language based on Commission input that closely reflects language drafted by the Mt. Lebanon Partnership. This version of the ordinance has been sent to Allegheny County Planning for their comment. This item is expected to be back on the Commission Discussion Agenda sometime in the late summer/early fall. No additional discussion.
- V. **Economic Vitality Committee** – Staff provided an update about the June EVC meeting. The meeting entailed a walk-through of the Uptown District. The EDC discussed taking the same walk-through with staff. This will be discussed at the next EDC meeting.
- VI. **McNeilly Park Update** – Staff provided an update on a recently submitted DCNR grant to make necessary improvements to this park (i.e. parking, site line adjustments to ingress/egress). \$219,823.10 has been requested. The EDC discussed that the Council ought to wait for the decision on this grant to continue discussions on a recommendation.
- VII. **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/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 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.
  - 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.
- VIII. **2019 Pillar/Work Plan** –
  - a. Impact Development – No report.
  - b. Business Attraction + Retention – Staff informed EDC new business start-up activity.
  - c. Public Realm – Staff reported that new budget numbers have been received by Gateway for consideration in an upcoming bond vote.
  - d. Place Making – Planning for all events in 2019 is active.
  - e. Parking Advisory Board Update – No report.
- IX. **Adjourn** – John Vogel made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Chris Musuneggi.