

APPROVED
Economic Development Council
MINUTES

July 28, 2023
Mt. Lebanon Municipal Building – Conference Room C
710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
7:30 A.M.

In attendance:

Cate Irvin, Mark Trumbull, Seth Davis Jennifer Bibb, Stacey Reibach, Commissioner Flynn

Commission Liaison: Andrew Flynn

Guest: None

Staff: Eric Milliron

- I. **Call to Order:** Eric Milliron called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.
- II. **Citizen's Comments:** None.
- III. **Review of June Minutes** – Minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Mark Trumbull. Seconded by Cate Irvin.
- IV. **2023 Committee Updates:**
 - a. **Mobility:**
 - i. South Hills Mobility Task Force – This is a partnership of communities working towards a complete mobility landscape in the communities of Mt. Lebanon, Dormont, Castle Shannon and Bethel Park. The Task Force recognizes two common transportation linkages: 1. SR 19 2. LRT/Red Line. The Task Force seeks to enable safe passage for all modes of transportation throughout the walksheds of both arterials.
 1. Tasks – Currently the group is recommending Mt. Lebanon and Dormont explore developing an Active Transportation plan together - if feasible. E. Milliron will be making a request in the 2024 budget to embark on an Active Transportation plan. The developing Comprehensive Plan supports this effort.
 2. Task Force considering meaningful outreach efforts to educate residents about the benefits of active transportation networks to both the economy + individual health.
 - b. **Economic Vitality** – Economic Vitality is always at the core of our mission. It is a shared mission of our local community Main Street non-profit – the Mt. Lebanon Partnership. The Partnership has created an Economic Vitality Committee that will work with members of the EDC to actualize it's objectives. Current objectives identified include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Business/Property Owner Support – We are actively working on application for façade grants in the Uptown District via development of Design Guidelines.
 - ii. Placemaking – The public art campaign is preparing to make a recommendation to the Municipality. VU2 Planning is on the horizon once VU1 is substantially complete.
 - iii. Zoning – On hold; however, as part of a Design Guideline refresh within the Mt. Lebanon Partnership, a list of recommendations will be submitted to the Municipality to encourage best-practice ordinance changes to alleviate long-standing challenges experienced by our business owners (i.e. signage restrictions)
 - iv. Baseline Inventory (Post-Covid) of entirety of Uptown + Website Upgrade of Business Tracking – this is complete and the Municipality has maintained impressively low vacancy rates both on the first level + upper levels of our commercial inventory.

The EDC discussed the leadership structure of each committee and the following members have been identified as Chairs:

1. **Complete Streets/Mobility – Seth Davis**
2. **Economic Vitality – Jim Bentz.**
 - a. **Bill Callahan**
 - b. **Chris Dwyer**
 - c. **Jeff Weiner**

- V. **Vibrant Uptown Update** – Staff provided an update on Vibrant Uptown.

- VI. **Commercial Districts Updates** – Staff updated the EDC on various updates in our commercial districts.
- VII. **New Business** –
- VIII. **Adjourn** – Cate Irvin made a motion to adjourn.