

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2011

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 15, 2011 in the Board Room in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

The following members of the ECDC were present: Lydia Dan-Sardinas, Chairperson; Scott Sibley, Vice- Chairperson; Michelle Gallagher, Secretary; Tom Kohler; Carole Kenney; and Scott Greenly, Staff Liaison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 8/15/11 without correction. All were in favor.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:

Chairperson Dan- Sardinas thanked the committee for attending the meeting, even though there isn't one usually scheduled in August. Ms. Dan Sardinas also mentioned that she would like to set up meetings with Ron Wagenmann, the township manager, as well as the new head of the chamber of commerce.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Route 422 Project:

The committee reiterated that this project is solely to provide pertinent information to Upper Merion Township home and business owners. Ways to communicate such information in regards to the 422 project were discussed.

Environmental Subcommittee:

Ms. Kenney reported that she and Ms. Dan Sardinas had met with the new chairman of the EAC, Chris Kaasman. Kaasman is one of three new EAC members and is also the head of recycling in Montgomery County. They discussed a potential partnership between the EAC and this ECDC subcommittee, as well as energy audits, solar power presentations, and going green awards. Mr. Kasasman indicated that these topics would be discussed at their next EAC meeting on September 20th.

Communication Subcommittee:

The committee would like a link to the Business Improvement District Website put on the Township website so Mr. Greenly put Mr. Swisher in touch with Eric Goldstein from the Business Improvement District.

Community/Cultural Center Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan Sardinas stated the final study for the community center will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in September.

Tri-Centennial Committee:

Ms. Gallagher commented that the committee is working well, and that they would be meeting the Wednesday after the ECDC meeting with Tom Bloomstrom in reference to obtaining sponsors.

Moore-Irwin House Subcommittee:

Mr. Sibley reported that the memo of understanding between the Board of Supervisors and the King of Prussia Players was approved, and the Players are working on initial site development plans.

ECDC Website Content Review:

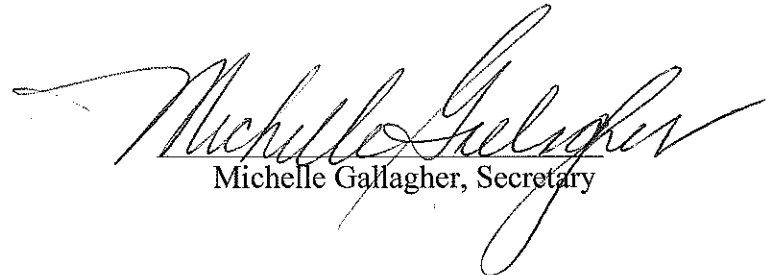
Ms. Sardinas again asked all of the ECDC members to review the content on the current ECDC page to be edited.

Business Privilege Tax/ Business Improvement District:

Mr. Sibley reported that the Economy League still had not yet started the tax study, and Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported that the Business Improvement District will be submitting its plans for beautification.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



Michelle Gallagher, Secretary

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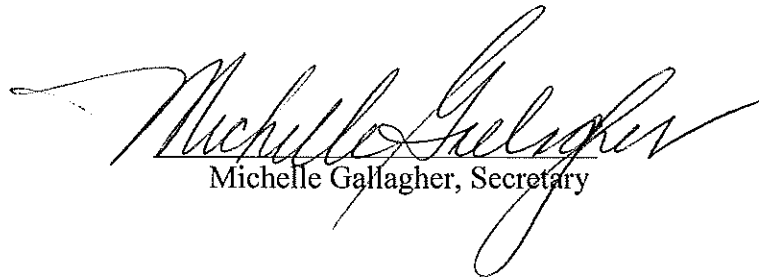
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