

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2010

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on November 15, 2010 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; Carole Kenney; Bruce Mitchell; Russ Swisher; Joseph Budash; Scott Greenly, Staff Liaison; and Greg Waks, Board of Supervisors Liaison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 10/18/10 with minor corrections. All were in favor

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas thanked all that were in attendance for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community/Cultural Center Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan Sardinas reported that Ballard and King have done a sixty page draft report in reference to the community center, and offered to get the link to the report from the township for committee members to read. She also stated that Dan Russell is trying to coordinate a meeting on November 22nd or 23rd.

Business Improvement Districts:

Mr. Sibley invited Scott Greenly and ECDC members to attend the Business Improvement District meeting regarding the business privilege tax issue.

Tri-Centennial Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported that the reorganization proposal will be brought in front of the Board of Supervisors at the next Board meeting. Mr. Waks will advise the committee of the outcome. Ms. Gallagher reported that she had been in contact with the EAC, and responded that the committee would like to have their input on tri-centennial events, and will also be scheduling a meeting with all parties looking to get involved with the committee.

Moore-Irwin House Subcommittee:

Mr. Sibley reported that the King of Prussia Players met with Ron Wagenmann and the township solicitor in reference to the agreement. There were a few minor errors

which the King of Prussia Players agreed to have changed by December first to be presented at the December Board meeting.

Farmer's Market:

Ms. Kenney reported that the following Saturday would be the final farmers market, and would be the chili contest hosted by the optimist club. Ms. Kenney commented that a survey was sent to the customers and vendors and received very good responses and suggestions for the next season. The committee is also planning to have a winter market the first and third Saturday's of each month, between 10am – 12pm until April. The Farmers Market will begin again on May 21, 2011.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

New Committee/Project Idea Discussions:

The committee discussed their ideas for new and existing projects and ideas. Mr. Sibley mentioned keeping an ongoing relationship with the Business Improvement District as well as hosting a restaurant week. Mr. Mitchell also recommended that the committee reach out to the Board of Supervisors for their ideas. Mr. Swisher commented that the committee should open better lines of communication with businesses in the township (including listing businesses on the township website), as well as the evaluation the business privilege and real estate taxes. The committee also discussed signage throughout the township, traffic issues with route 422, as well as going green projects such as residences and small business converting to solar or geothermal energy.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Michelle Gallagher, Secretary

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: