

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**January 16, 2012**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on January 16, 2012, 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; Russ Swisher; Thomas Kohler, Michelle Gallagher, Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Scott Greenly, Staff Liaison.

**REORGANIZATION:**

Chairperson Dan-Sardinas turned the meeting over to Mr. Greenly for reorganization. Lydia Dan-Sardinas was nominated and accepted as Chairperson, Scott Sibley was nominated and accepted as Vice-Chairperson, and Michelle Gallagher was nominated and accepted as Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 12/19/11. All were in favor.

**CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:**

Chairperson Dan-Sardinas commented that the ECDC might have to change its February meeting due to the presidents day holiday, as well as its May meeting due to their joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Dan-Sardinas also reported that Carole Kenney had formally resigned from the ECDC due to her being elected as a Board of Supervisor; however she will remain the Board Liaison to the committee. She reminded everyone to encourage those who may be interested to fill out the application to become ECDC members, and brought the idea of a welcome package/website for new residents of Upper Merion Township up for discussion.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Center Subcommittee:**

Ms. Dan-Sardinas explained that the Township did purchase the Gold's Gym property and is still in the process of settling. She stated that they are still working on plans, and that it might need extensive work to be brought up to code.

**Environmental Subcommittee:**

Ms. Kenney reported that the energy presentation has been scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and that she is still waiting to see if residents and businesses are attending at the same time. The ECDC will have to contact the BID for help creating advertisements.

**Business Improvement District/Business Privilege Tax Subcommittee:**

Mr. Sibley reported that he will be attending a meeting where the Business Privilege Tax study will be presented and looked over.

**Moore-Irwin House Subcommittee:**

Mr. Sibley commented that there was no new report since the last ECDC meeting, but explained that the King of Prussia Players were working with an engineer on site plans.

**Tricentennial Subcommittee:**

Ms. Gallagher reported that the first Tricentennial meeting will be held in January, and that the Upper Merion Monopoly board is close to being sold out and reaching the deadline. She also commented that the cookbooks may be sponsored by Bottom Dollar and that the calendar is coming together.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

**Communications:**

Mr. Swisher reported that the Media and Communications Advisory Board invited him to their next meeting. He explained that he turned in the ECDC's suggestions to improve the website, and reminded the committee to let him know if they have anything else to add. He also commented on discussions including having one page for email subscription, board vacancies, local jobs etc. The MCAB is concerned that the township website has no webmaster.

**Township Development Update:**

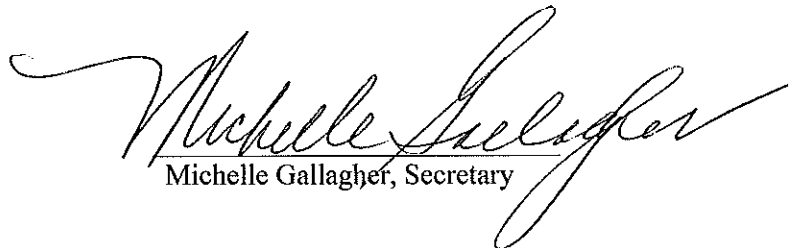
Mr. Greenly reported that the Township is expecting Target to resubmit, Chick-Fil-A will have to resubmit due to Penndot changes, and the Next Door Bar and Grill has been submitted for the Village at Valley Forge. He also reported that the Casino is looking into opening Eighth Avenue to better assist the flow of traffic in the area.

**Board of Supervisors Update:**

Ms. Kenney explained that she has met with the executive committee as well as members of the BID about the energy presentation. She also commented that vacancies are posted on UMGA-TV, as well as on the website, and the e-newsletter.

**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: