

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 16, 2012

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on April 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; Michelle Gallagher; Sheryl Smith; Russ Swisher; Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Scott Greenly, Staff Liaison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 3/19/12. All were in favor.

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:

Chairperson Dan-Sardinas reminded the ECDC that the joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors will be held on May 10th at 8:30pm, and that it will be televised. The committee also decided to cancel the May meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Center Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported eighteen requests for proposals were received by architects in reference to the former Gold's Gym Property, the architects will be interviewed (interviews will be open to the public.)

Environmental Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas discussed the joint environmental presentations with the EAC, and the ECDC members decided that they would not like to work on a recycling forum but would potentially be interested in working jointly on a presentation referencing single trash haulers as opposed to private trash collection. It was also decided only to have an evening presentation.

Tricentennial Subcommittee:

Ms. Gallagher reported that the next meeting would be held April 25th. She also explained that the website had been updated, and that the monopoly game is near completion. Ms. Gallagher also met with Dan Russell in reference to making changes to 2013's community day to accommodate a parade and fireworks.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Communications:

Mr. Swisher explained that the Media Communications Advisory Board would not be talking about changes to the township website at their joint meeting, and agreed to bring it up at the ECDC's joint meeting. The list of changes was distributed to the MCAB, but they have not yet reviewed the document. Ms. Smith also brought up the idea of using dashboards on the website for quick access to statistical information about the township.

Township Development Update:

Mr. Greenly reported that the township is coordinating a meeting with Target and Wawa to examine problems with traffic impacts on the surrounding roadways of the two developments. He also explained that Target has submitted their phase three plans and plans to be part of the 4/26 BOS meeting agenda.

Board of Supervisors Update:

Ms. Kenney described a Granicus webinar referencing a citizen sourcing program. If used residents would be allowed to ask questions, comment on citizen board actions, as well as offer their opinions online. She mentioned that Wegman's and Giant are both opening on May 6th, the township building is having electric vehicle charging stations installed in the parking lot, and that the website will be set up so that money may be collected towards the tricentennial.

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: