

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

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on June 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; Michelle Gallagher, Secretary; Sheryl Smith; Robin Ross; Thomas Kohler; Carole Kenney, Board of Supervisors Liaison; and Scott Greenly, Staff Liaison.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of 4/16/12. All were in favor.

**CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:**

Chairperson Dan-Sardinas asked that all ECDC members turn off their cell phones during meetings, as well as requesting that all members let Scott Greenly know if they are not coming as soon as possible since four people are required to have quorum.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Center Subcommittee:**

Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported that an architectural firm was chosen to refurbish the old Gold's Gym property.

**Environmental Subcommittee:**

Ms. Dan-Sardinas commented that there was a very small turnout for the last environmental forum. The ECDC decided not to participate in the upcoming stormwater forum but is still willing to forward information to their email contacts.

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

Mr. Sibley explained that the Business Improvement District's flags are up, and that they are currently sponsoring concerts on First Avenue in order to keep employees in the area. He also mentioned that he has not received anything new from the Tax Committee.

**Tricentennial Subcommittee:**

Ms. Gallagher reported that the monopoly game is in and will be distributed, the cookbook, calendar, and history book are being worked on, and that interviews for remember when are being conducted. Mr. Kohler also described the "Reesville Social Club" which will be holding happy hours on the second Thursday of every month from 5pm-7pm.

**Moore-Irwin House Subcommittee:**

Mr. Sibley explained that fundraisers are being held but that there was no other

new business to report on the progress of this project.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

**New Resident Welcome Package:**

Ms. Ross and Mr. Kohler will be working on the packets in the upcoming weeks and asked that if any of the EAC members have suggestions for the packets to email the information to them. Lydia will also be sending a memo to the Board of Supervisors asking for help with funding for this project.

**Township Development Update:**

Mr. Greenly reported that Target has been approved and will need to go through the permitting process, Wawa was also approved, and Porcelanosa will be opening on Long Road and Route 202.

**Board of Supervisors Update:**

Ms. Kenney reported that the Goals and Objectives meeting was held and that a summary will be created and distributed. She mentioned that communications were a priority including the website and the usage of social media. She explained that the Giant grocery store is now open, that there are four electric charging stations in the township building's parking lot, and that the Police Department has reported no significant issues with crime in the Valley Forge Casino or traffic problems on Eighth Avenue. The ECDC also had a discussion in reference to construction projects in the township and their impact on traffic.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Michelle Gallagher, Secretary

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: