

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 15, 2012

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 20, 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; Robin Ross; 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 8/20/12. All were in favor.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Center Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas explained that the Board of Supervisors met with the architect for the former Gold's Gym Property, as well as the Senior Center and the Park and Recreation Department in reference to the setup of the building. The Wings lacrosse and field hockey teams will be setting up an office in the building and public meetings will be set up to get a feel for what the public is looking for in the usage of the building. The subcommittee expects this project to be complete twelve months from the start date and is looking for new members.

Tricentennial Subcommittee:

Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported that Tricentennial events have officially started with the Senior Spring Fling, and a birthday cake for Upper Merion Township was brought to the last Board of Supervisors meeting. The history lecture series starts October 21st and the subject is the Industrial Revolution in Upper Merion Township, the second is on November 4th and the subject is transportation, these sessions will be held once monthly. The Reesville Social Club will be meeting at Creeds on November 8th. Commemorative items are being sold at the Cashier's office in the township building and the history and cookbooks should be available by Christmas. The Tricentennial Committee has a stand at the farmers market twice a month.

Moore-Irwin House Subcommittee:

Mr. Sibley Reported that the King of Prussia Players are planning to have their lease agreement finished by November 1st, and will then begin doing site layouts and fundraising.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

New Resident Welcome Package:

Ms. Ross will be speaking with Carla Showell-Lee, the acting Chief Information Officer in reference to the new resident welcome package, as well as the township manager to include a new township map in the package.

Communications Update:

Mr. Swisher explained that he attended the Media and Communications Advisory Board meeting and that the board is looking into a digital billboard for township news, and are still planning to revisit the list of changes to the township website.

Township Development Update:

Mr. Greenly reported that the Carmax plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors, as well as the car wash on the Franklin Maps Property. A submission was also received for a retail store in front of the mall, and the township is still waiting on construction schedules from Target, Chick fil A and Wawa.

Board of Supervisors Update:

Ms. Kenney reported that JC's Fireside Grill will be closing at the beginning of 2013, and the Exxon station near the Tilted Kilt will also house a compressed natural gas station. She also commented that the Marquis Apartments have made a lot of progress and improvements.

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: