

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**November 19, 2012**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on November 19, 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; Sheryl Smith; 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 10/15/12. All were in favor.

**CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION:**

Chairperson Dan-Sardinas wished everyone a happy holiday season and reminded the ECDC to start thinking about new projects for 2013. A motion was made to cancel the December 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting by Mr. Kohler and was seconded by Ms. Gallagher, all were in favor.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Moore Irwin House Subcommittee:**

Mr. Sibley reported that the King of Prussia Players have an appointment scheduled with Upper Merion Township to discuss the details of their lease.

**Community Center Subcommittee:**

Ms. Dan-Sardinas reported the community center subcommittee has not yet reorganized.

**Environmental Subcommittee:**

Ms. Dan-Sardinas announced that the last Environmental Advisory Council forum was held and referenced stormwater and its environmental impacts. Chris Kaasmann will be in touch with the ECDC to decide if the two committees will partner together for projects in the future.

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

Mr. Sibley reported that the final business privilege tax report has been received but a meeting has not yet been scheduled to review it. He mentioned that Pennoni completed a road diet study on First Avenue and Moore Road. Also, the Business Improvement District is interested in running a shuttle between it, the Norristown Transportation Center, Wayne Train Station and the King of Prussia area. Mr. Sibley also announced that the Business Improvement District is installing gateway monuments at First Ave, Henderson Road, 202 and Gulph, and one near Kunda Sign.

**Tricentennial Subcommittee:**

Ms. Gallagher reported that the cookbooks have arrived and cost \$20. She also mentioned that the Holiday Hoopla is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> (ornaments are on sale). The Reesville Social Club will be meeting at Swedesburg Fire Company on December 13<sup>th</sup> as well as the Valley Tavern in the Valley Forge Casino on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Tricentennial Gala Celebration will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the Waterford Ballroom at the Valley Forge Radison (tickets will cost \$75.) Ms. Gallagher also stated that children's tricentennial tee shirts will be tie-dyed.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:****New Resident Welcome Package:**

Mr. Kohler reported that there would be something formal to present to the ECDC at the January meeting.

**Township Development Update:**

Mr. Greenly reported that the container store in the King of Prussia Mall complex was approved by the planning commission but there were some questions in reference to the appearance of the building. He also announced that the car wash at the Franklin Maps property was approved.

**Board of Supervisors Update:**

Ms. Kenney explained that the township budget was posted. The economy is showing positive signs, and that business tax revenues are projected to be higher. She also explained that real estate values are staying flat, and the township four day work week would be continued. Ms. Kenney commented that the owners of the Marquis Apartments were still making improvements to the property.

**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: