

**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**  
**AUGUST 20, 2018**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on August 20, 2018, in the Board Room of 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: Scott Sibley, Vice Chairperson; Joe Brophy, Secretary; Andrew Turner; Andrea Esqueda; Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner; and Tina Garzillo, Board of Supervisors Liaison.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 7/16/2018 by Mr. Turner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brophy, and all were in favor.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN:**

Mr. Brophy reported that the Community Garden's gazebo is ordered, and the ground will need to be leveled for installation. There will be a mural painted on the barn in the spring. The committee discussed using the house on the property as an arts/cultural center for community groups to meet, as well as store art, set pieces, etc.

**MOORE-IRWIN HOUSE:**

Mr. Brophy reported that the Township hired a consultant to write and submit for a grant to fund the remediation of the Moore-Irwin property. The grant was submitted along with all of the necessary letters of recommendation, and the Township is waiting for the recipients to be announced.

**UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FOUNDATION:**

Mr. Brophy met with Roberts Marketing, who will be presenting ideas for large community fundraising events that will attract sponsors to raise funds for the Upper Merion Township Foundation.

**COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK:**

The ECDC committee discussed broadening the scope of the Community Action Network to include ways for the community to get involved with the Township.

**RIVERFONT PARK:**

Mr. Brophy reported that the title search done by the Township's solicitor was completed and the property in question along the river belongs to the now defunct Conrail. Mr. Brophy will follow up with the Township Manager, regarding recommendations on how to proceed.

**BUSINESS INCUBATOR:**

Mr. Brophy has been in contact with a company called 1776 Capital in regards to creating a business plan to facilitate a fashion incubator at the King Of Prussia Mall.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Mr. Sibley will reach out to the Parks and Recreation Board regarding the installation of a loop trail at Heuser Park. Mr. Sibley also reported that North Gulph Road will be moved near the entrance to Valley Forge National Park to accommodate a trail connecting the park with the Village at Valley Forge.

Mr. Brown reported that both Caley and Gulph Schools are completed and ribbon cutting ceremonies are advertised on the School District's website. He also reported that the Comp Plan is expected to be finished by the end of 2018, and is currently being worked on by the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Mr. Brown explained that the King of Prussia Rail Extension working group would like to present to the ECDC at an upcoming meeting, and will provide more information via email.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Joe Brophy, Secretary

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered