

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2018

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on December 17, 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; Tim Dooner; Andrea Esqueda; Frank Buttarro; Andrew Turner; and Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner.

MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from 11/19/2018 by Mr. Dooner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner, and all were in favor.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE GOALS:

The members of the ECDC held a discussion regarding the planning process involved in creating strategic objectives for 2019 and beyond. The ECDC also members discussed; a refreshed definition and purpose of the committee, gathering insight from stakeholders, the public, and other ECDC –type committees in the area, and identifying any remaining items from the vision 2020 plan.

RIVERFONT PARK:

Mr. Brophy explained that the Township’s solicitor expressed a high level of confidence regarding the acquisition of land along the river, as well as the ability to access land on the opposite side of the rail line. The ECDC will create a recommendation to go to a Board of Supervisors Chairman’s meeting. Mr. Brophy commented that the next steps for this project would be to form a committee to determine the park use, amenities, and how much it will cost, as well as how it could be funded.

MOORE-IRWIN HOUSE:

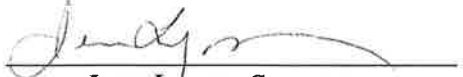
The ECDC members took a tour of the Moore-Irwin property. The committee discussed venue space, as well as working on identifying grants and property clean up days.

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FONDATION:

Mr. Brophy explained that Valley Forge Park will not allow the Township to host a fundraising event at the park as they do not allow recreation on national historical properties.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Jenn Lyons, Secretary

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Minutes Approved: January 14, 2019

Minutes Entered: