

**Upper Merion Township Economic and Community Development Committee
Regularly Scheduled Meeting for February 15th, 2021**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on February 15th, 2021 WebEx (due to COVID-19.) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Clara Martis, Vice-Chair
Tina Garzillo, Board Liaison
Rachel Zobel, Secretary
Pam Forster
Anmol Darooka

ABSENT:

Andrea Esqueda, Chair
Staff Liaison, Vacant
Frank Buttarò

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE:

Staff Liaison position is vacant

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes from January 2021 will be reviewed and approved during March 2021 meeting

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATES:

Snowplowing Protocols

If less than 12 inches of snow, residents must shovel sidewalks within 24 hours. If more than 12 inches, you have more than 24 hours to clear sidewalks

COVID-19

Phone number for county COVID hotline for troubleshooting is 833-875-3967, open 6 days a week Monday-Saturday 8am-8pm

Crow Creek Project

Moving along quickly and still on target to be completed by end of July

Chester Valley Trail

No updates as that trail is overseen by the county

CURRENT BUSINESS

DEI

- Task Force
 - Exploring need for DEI task force including the potential of hiring a township employee or volunteers
- Township Engagement with Racial Justice Advocates
 - Collaborating with Community of Change to help bring to life DEI ideas in UMT

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EAC

Discussed broader initiative for more charging stations in the township and applying for DCA grant will help with implementing 1 or 2 charging stations

Small Business Initiative

Supporting KOP Restaurant Week and Shops for CHOP to help restaurants and shops raise money for CHOP; discussed smaller meetings with specific task forces within ECDC to aid in accomplishing more i.e., have ECDC representative touch base with township PPO on small business directory.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 15th, 7pm (remote)

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Martis adjourned the meeting.