

Upper Merion Township Economic and Community Development Committee
Regularly Scheduled Meeting for May 17th, 2021

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17th, 2021 WebEx (due to COVID-19.) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Tony Hamaday, Staff Liaison
Clara Martis, Vice-Chair
Tina Garzillo, Board Liaison
Pam Forster
Anmol Darooka

ABSENT:

Frank Buttaro
Rachel Zobel, Secretary
Koren Draper
Chair, vacant

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE:

Chair position is vacant effective June 17. Thank you, Andrea, for all of your hard work!

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of April and May minutes will be completed in June

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATES:

Farmer's Market

Record number of vendors- 44 vendors in total. Grand opening was a success!
Every Saturday until the week before Thanksgiving from 9am – 1pm

Fourth of July Celebration

Celebration is on! Three-day event: July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th
Carnival, food trucks, etc. Unfortunately, no fireworks due to company booked up
Safety plan in place for COVID-19

Community Fair in Fall

Fireworks will be there – October

Top Golf

Plans halted due to COVID-19, but they are now resuming with plans

King of Prussia Mall

Outside event: Drag and Drive. Live Production from your car- details to follow

Nor-View Farms

Expect events every Saturday and Sunday at the farm in October. More details to follow

COVID-19 Vaccinations in UMT

48% of the county is vaccinated

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CURRENT BUSINESS

DEI Task Force

Corporations are committing to DEI initiatives such as Target, American Express, etc.
There are many events and organizations in UMT in support of DEI
UMT School District established Equity Task Force with 6 Sub Committees in October 2020
Potential formal meeting to establish a concrete DEI initiative within UMT

Job Fair

KOP BID is interested in collaborating with ECDC for job fair- R. Zobel, C. Martis, K. Draper, and P. Forster are interested in collaborating with KOP BID to discuss job fair
Schedule formal meeting with KOP BID

Firehouse Community Building Event

Discussion of potential community food truck event in September or October. Details to follow

EAC

BCA grant granted to EAC for electric charging units in UMT
Tesla installed 16 superchargers at the shopping center on Henderson Road

ECDC Purpose and Impact

Annual BOS Meeting with ECDC 30-minute presentation time slot for providing updates and recap
P. Forster presenting on behalf of ECDC

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 21st, 7pm (remote)

ADJOURNMENT:

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