

**Upper Merion Township Economic and Community Development Committee
Regularly Scheduled Meeting for January 16th, 2023**

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on January 16th, 2023 both in-person and on Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam Forster, Chair
Koren Draper, Vice Chair
Tina Garzillo, Board Liaison
Ashton Jones, Staff Liaison
Rachel Zobel, Secretary
Anmol Darooka
Priscilla Rosenwald

ABSENT:

Kenneth Parker
Dawn Lindberg

REORGANIZATION

Appointment of Pam Forster as Chair, Koren Draper and Anmol Darooka as Vice Co-Chairs, and Rachel Zobel as Secretary with Priscilla Rosenwald as back-up secretary.

MEETING MINUTES

November 2022 minutes will be approved at the next meeting in February.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATES

Congratulations to Tina Garzillo on being elected as new Chairperson of Board of Supervisors.

2023 INITIATIVES

KOP BID Collaboration

Tina will invite personnel from KOP BID to February ECDC meeting to brainstorm collaboration ideas and see where goals overlap.

Community Building

Revamp and update UMT Citizen Board Handbook.

Plan to attend the community fair.

Collaborate with Parks & Rec to begin "Saturday in the Park" community event at different UMT parks.

Update 'Welcome New Resident' packet if necessary.

Continue to do Citizen Board Mixers but include community and change location.

Small Business

Small Business Saturday (11/25) to bring businesses to the Farmer's Market and highlight UMT business.

Continue with UMT Hiring Facebook page.

Reboot Small Business Spotlight.

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DEI

Update Proclamation Statement.

Collaborate with businesses in UMT and Community Options, Inc. for special needs inclusion.

Work on setting up a panel discussion to discuss DEI Initiatives throughout the township.

Create email and social media presence to promote community involvement.

Green Initiatives

Expand electric vehicle charging stations.

Work on public outreach and education related to electric vehicle charging.

Follow up with Carole Kenney to collaborate with EAC and green business initiatives.

Brainstorm ideas to supplement low funds for road repairs.

Technology and Municipal Services

Update list of businesses within the township.

Construct ECDC event calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 20th, 7pm

March 20th, 7pm

April 17th, 7pm

May 15th, 7pm

June 19th, 7pm

July 17th, 7pm

August 21st, 7pm

September 18th, 7pm

October 16th, 7pm

November 20th, 7pm

December 18th, 7pm

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Forster adjourned the meeting.