

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 22, 2016

The Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) met for its scheduled meeting on February 22, 2016, in the Board Room in 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: Jenn Lyons, Chairperson; Alanna Strohecker, Vice Chairperson; Evelyn Ankers, Secretary; Rhonda Cohen; Erika Spott, Board of Supervisors Liaison; Rob Loeper, Township Planner; and Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner.

Also in attendance was Joe Brophy, Upper Merion Township resident.

MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Strohecker made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/18/16. Ms. Ankers seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beer Garden:

Ms. Strohecker spoke with Rob, the service manager from Wegmans who explained that they cannot extend their liquor license to host a beer garden on their property. Philadelphia works with caterers to host their events, obtaining a temporary liquor control board license. The ECDC will continue to check with the Parks and Recreation Department for a progress report on this project.

Love My Local:

Ms. Lyons created the materials to be advertised on social media however, it the project was put on hold because the Public Information Office is understaffed. The ECDC decided to run the advertisement in the Farmer's Market Newsletter, and the Public Works Staff will add the material to the Township website under the ECDC page. Township staff will also work on getting a township email for the Love My Local project.

Volunteer and Citizen Board Open House:

The ECDC members held a discussion as to when to host the open house without clashing with other Township events such as the Upper Merion Township Community Day in September. Ms. Lyons will discuss this event at the next chairperson's breakfast.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

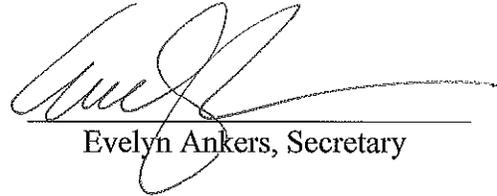
Ms. Ankers commented that the Smarter Cities Grant information for the parent advocate to the Upper Merion Area School District has been submitted. Ms. Spott will contact the School Board President for an update.

The ECDC held a discussion in reference to sidewalks and streetlights in neighborhoods in Upper Merion Township, and how to make the township more

walkable especially at night time. They also discussed partnering with the Upper Merion Emergency Aid group to create a program in which grocery stores provide food is still good but would otherwise be thrown away to local food banks.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.



Evelyn Ankers, Secretary

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: