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Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

69 W. Washington-22nd Floor Conference Room

6/19/2019 8:02 AM | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Males

In Attendance

EDAC Members

- Howard Males,
Chairman
- Pam McDonough
Vice Chair
- Todd J. Cabanban
- Teresa Cordova (phone)
- David Day (phone)
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Manny Flores
- Graham C. Grady
(phone/proxy)
- Andrew Greer
- Chris Jang
- Sharon Legenza
- Karen Norrington Reaves
(phone)
- Shantena Robinson
- Rob Rose (phone)
- Ed Sitar (phone/proxy)
- Thurman "Tony" Smith
(phone)
- William Towns
- Robert Tucker (proxy)
- John Yonan
- Simone Weil

EDAC Member Additional Staff and County Representatives

- Jay Stewart
- Veda Britt-Handy
- Dominic Tocci
- Sheryl Stewart-Caldwell
- Arthur Williams
- Meisha Holmes
- Jessica Schumacher
- Kevin Schnoes
- Alex Beata
- Andrew Weis

Guests

- Jeanne Marie Olivieri, Ladder Up
- Patrick Aockman, Facet Holdings LLC
- George Reveliotis, Reveliotis Law Firm
- Pam Vizardis, representative from Reveliotis Law Firm

Public Commentary

- Chairman Males announced that a quorum was present.
- Chairman Males opened the floor to public commentary. There were no public speakers.

Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males

- Chairman Males announced that there will be a special meeting of the subcommittee on financial tools and incentives and all are invited.

Approval of Minutes from May 30, 2019

- The May 30, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

Planning and Development Subcommittee-Andrew Geer

Planning and Development Subcommittee recommended action on the following projects:

CDBG 2019 Draft Annual Action Plan and Emergency Solutions Grant Plan –Dominic Tocci presented the recommendation summary for the \$10.6M plan which outlined planned funding activities in capital improvement, demolition, public service, administration/planning, and economic development services. Services included are: housing (non-homeless), safety net, health, homeless/domestic violence, youth/parenting, and job readiness/training. A recipient, Ladder Up, provided brief overview of their work.

Karen requested that the Bureau collaborate with the CCWP to ensure consistency in reporting, and to discuss performance of sub recipients. Motion and second for approval. Kristi DeLaurentiis abstained from the vote. The motion was approved.

Financial Tools and Incentives Subcommittee-Pam McDonough

Financial Tools and Incentives Subcommittee recommended action on the following projects:

Facet Holding LLC– The applicant intends to rehab the subject property to occupy it with a full service restaurant/brewery with live entertainment. There was open discussion regarding the project, including clarifying with the project representative that the benefit of the incentive is passed on to the operating business of the site. Motion and second for approval. The item was approved, with the condition that updated salary information would be received. Simone Weil abstained from the vote.

Lincoln Highway Industrial Corridor Presentation

Representatives from the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability and Cook County Planning and Development gave a joint presentation on the Lincoln Highway Industrial Corridor (LHIC). Implementation of the project is a collaborative effort amongst County agencies, local/sub-regional economic development groups and the municipalities of Chicago Heights, Ford Heights, and Sauk Village to encourage industrial development and economic activity near key logistics assets in South Suburban Cook County. Background, overview of study area, available resources and marketing efforts was presented. Open discussion.

Closing Remarks, Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

Chairman Males encouraged members to attend the special meeting of the subcommittee on financial tools and incentives on July 17, 2019 at 2:00pm.

Regular meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 8:00AM.

Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.