

## **MINUTES**

# Hybrid Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) Meeting

9/27/2023 8:00 AM | *Hybrid EDAC meeting called to order by* Chairman Howard Males

#### **Chairman Males Request for Approval of Minutes**

• The minutes from 06/27/23 were approved.

#### **Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males**

 Chairman Males opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public made comments.

## **Upcoming Partner Engagement**

 Elizabeth Schuh, Director of Policy, Bureau of Economic Development, discussed:

Strategic Plan is still in process of completion
Will provide strategies and near term action steps in November

### Fixed Site Shelter update

• Karl Bradley, Deputy Director of Housing, Cook County Planning and Development, discussed:

Purpose of the Fixed Site Shelter program

Guiding principles of the program

Goals of the program

**Key Partners** 

How locations are determined

**Homeless Statistics** 

Karl Bradley answered questions from EDAC regarding the funding amount, and the challenges with housing migrants.

#### **Tax Incentive for Pete's Fresh Market**

## Sheryl Caldwell, Project Director, Cook County Planning and Development, discussed:

(Location) 6401 West 127th Street, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463

Land sq. ft.: 231,516 sq. ft. (after PIN division), 304,631 sq. ft.

Building sq. ft.: 69,536 sq. ft

Property Tax Savings for applicant: \$6,652,888

Total Project Cost: \$5,250,000

Private capital investment to tax incentive savings = 1.2 to 1

Job creation: 97-123 new full-time jobs; 13-17 new part-time jobs and 80-90 construction jobs

#### Additional Comments/Inquiries were made by the below individuals:

Kenneth Busse- Village of Palos Heights, Economic Development Coordinator, discussed the history of the land (it was formerly a Dominicks); other leasing proposals that were presented prior to finalizing the deal for Pete's Fresh Market; and he discussed the approval of the Class 7B for the project.

David Strohl, City Administrator, Village of Palos Heights, discussed how this project will be a valuable asset to the community; the excitement residents have expressed about the opening of the market; and his appreciation for the County's support of the project.

Stephanie Dremonas, Executive Officer of Pete's Fresh Market spoke about her long term vision for Pete's Fresh Market.

Kristi DeLaurentiis inquired if the new 7D was considered for this project. Sheryl Caldwell answered her inquiry.

Project was approved. CMAP abstained. No one opposed.

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#### **Cook County Manufacturing**

## Christine Nappo, Director, Sector Strategies, Bureau of Economic Development, discussed:

The Illinois Defense Manufacturing Consortium

The Illinois Defense Footprint

The Landscape Assessment of Casting & Forging Sector Geographic Distribution

Manufacturing Reinvented Cook County Commissioner Events

The Metals HUB

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Xochitl Flores, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Economic Development spoke of Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle's vision and commitment to improving the manufacturing landscape in Cook County; how to develop a long term and collaborative strategy with various municipalities/stakeholders in the manufacturing industry; and the County's ability to obtain increased grant funding is dependent upon how we support our current manufactures.

Christine Nappo answered inquiries about TMA (whether they are a partner or not, and what role do they play in collaboration with Cook County), and how the County is adjusting to Digital Adaptation in Manufacturing.

#### **Announcements**

Todd Cabanban notified the committee of Aldermanic Reception that is held annually and brings together Alderman from various wards, retailers, brokers, developers etc.. Todd notified the committee if anyone is interested in attending next year, he can advise them on how to attend.

Howards Males notified the committee the next EDAC meeting will be held on 10/25/2023.

## **Adjournment**

• Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the Hybrid EDAC Meeting. The Hybrid EDAC meeting adjourned at 9:13 am.

#### **Attendance**

- Howard Males (Chairman)
- Pam McDonough (Vice Chair)
- Andrew Geer (EDAC Member)
- Jennifer Killen (EDAC Member)
- Emilia DiMenco (EDAC Member)
- Daryl Newell (EDAC Member)
- Todd Cababan (EDAC Member)
- Xochitl Flores
- Christine Nappo
- Krista DeLaurentiis (EDAC Member)
- William Towns (EDAC Member)
- Teresa Cordova (EDAC Member)
- Cheryl Cooke
- Noel Bowers
- Karl Bradley
- Anna Coleman
- Paul Elue

- Sheryl Caldwell
- Elizabeth Schuh
- David Washington
- Kenneth Busse
- Kristi Elam
- David Swanson
- Brian Ceci
- Derrick Lavender
- Mohammed Elahi
- David Day (EDAC Member)
- Deborah Stone (EDAC Member)
- Lynda Schueler
- Michael Mallory
- Veta Britt Handy
- Ryan Morton
- Matthew Welch
- David Strohl
- Stephanie Dremonas
- Dan Nisavic