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Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

69 W. Washington-Pedway Conference Room

9/29/2017 8:00 AM | Meeting called to order by Chairman Howard Males

In Attendance

EDAC Members

- Howard Males,
Chairman
- Todd Cabanban
- Teresa Cordova
- Kristi DeLaurentiis
- Teresa Faidley (Proxy)
- Manny Flores
- Commissioner Jesus
"Chuy" Garcia (Phone)
- Andrew Geer
- Graham C. Grady
(Proxy)
- Erin Grossi
- Christopher Jang
- Michael Jasso (Proxy)
- Phaedra Leslie
- Pam McDonough
- Karin Norington-Reaves
(Phone)
- Edward Sitar
- Tony Smith
- Evonne Taylor (Proxy)
- William Towns
- Joseph Vanyo
- John Yonan
- Simone Weil (Proxy for
Joseph Szabo)
- John Watson (Phone)

BED Representatives

- Karl Bradley
- Veda Britt-Handy
- Sheryl Caldwell
- Susan Campbell
- Mohammed Elahi
- Michael McMullin
- Irene Sherr
- Jay Stewart
- Dominic Tocci
- Arthur Williams

Guests

- **Buddy Bear
Representatives**
- Lilian Jimenez,
**Commissioner Garcia's
Office**
- **Blue Star Properties
Representatives**

Public Comment

- Chairman Males announced that a quorum was present.
- Chairman Males opened the floor to public commentary. No members of the public made comments.

Remarks from EDAC Chairman Howard Males

- Chairman Males announced a dialogue would take place at that morning's meeting about the legal requirements for tax incentive recipients who operate in municipalities/townships that have opted out of the County's Minimum Wage Ordinance.
- Chairman Males informed EDAC that President Preckwinkle is a leader of a consolidated regional effort to attract Amazon's second corporate headquarters. Cook County, along with its six surrounding counties and the City of Chicago, are in the process of showcasing all that the region has to offer the company as it searches for a satisfactory location.

Approval of 7.27.17 Minutes

- The July 27, 2017 Minutes were approved by EDAC.

Update on Minimum Wage Ordinance and Applicability to County Projects-Jay Stewart (BED)

- Jay Stewart, Deputy Bureau Chief of BED, updated EDAC on remaining legal questions regarding compliance with the County's Minimum Wage Ordinance, particularly in cases when a tax incentive applicant intends to operate in a municipality that has opted out of the ordinance.
- BED Legal Counsel, Veda Britt-Handy, informed EDAC that the legal parameters and obligations were still being analyzed with the State's Attorney's office to determine if the criteria for tax incentive applicants would dictate compliance with the Minimum Wage Ordinance, regardless of a municipal opt-out. A more definitive answer will be forthcoming in the near future.

Financial Tools and Incentives Subcommittee-Pam McDonough & Will Towns

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

WSSS LLC, Buddy Bear Car Wash Class 7c Application – Sheryl Caldwell presented a summary of a Class 7c Incentive application for WSSS LLC, Buddy Bear Car Wash. The applicant intends to demolish the existing structure at the subject property (1901 W. 22nd Street, Broadview, IL) and construct a new car wash facility. **EDAC voted to recommend approval by the Cook County Assessor's Office for WSSS LLC, Buddy Bear Car Wash's Class 7c Application. Manny Flores and Tony Smith recused themselves from the vote. Simone Weil abstained from the vote.**

Blue Star Properties, 1010-1058 W. 35th LLC Class 7b Application – Sheryl Caldwell presented a summary of a Class 7b Incentive application for Blue Star Properties, 1010-1058 W. 35th LLC. The applicant intends to redevelop the subject property (1010-1058 W. 35th Street, Chicago, IL), which is a Chicago landmark, and lease to a wide range of business ventures, including offices, art studios, event space, and self-storage. **EDAC voted to recommend approval by the Cook County Assessor's Office for Blue Star Properties, 1010-1058 W. 35th LLC's Class 7b Application. Christopher Jang recused himself from the vote. Simone Weil abstained from the vote.**

Presentation: CMAP Inclusive Growth Strategy/ONTO 2050-Elizabeth Scott, Associate Planner

- Elizabeth Scott presented CMAP's Inclusive Growth Strategy, a major principle of the ONTO 2050 plan.
- A new analysis shows that high levels of economic inequality are limiting our region's ability to grow. Promoting inclusive growth will require building regional partnerships and defining goals across all of CMAP's work, including transportation, land use, tax policy, housing, and economic development.
- An open discussion followed the presentation.

Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment

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Chairman Males called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. After a motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.