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MEETING NOTICE

A regular meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

- AGENDA -

- I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Hearing of the Public
- III. Approval of the May 9, 2013 Minutes (attached)
- IV. ECDP Monthly Activity Report (attached)
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Destination Erie Plan – Metroquest survey - group workshop / exercise
- VII. Other Business
 - A. Municipal Reports
- VIII. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE



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**ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

June 13, 2013

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC members:	Representing:
Jan Cornwell	County (Vice-Chair, Exec. Board)
Carol Loll	County Council (Exec. Board)
Charles Casey	Erie City (Exec. Board)
Joe Legnasky	Lake City Boro (Exec. Board)
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Twp (Exec. Board)
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Twp (Exec. Board)
Ed Kissell	County
Mark Kukla	Lawrence Park Twp
Kurt Lichtenfeld	North East Twp
William Kuhn	Platea Boro
Peter Nye	Wesleyville Boro
Planning Department Staff:	
Jake Welsh	
Guests:	
Julie Minich	All Aboard Erie
Andrew Via	All Aboard Erie
Renee Lamis	Destination Erie
Joyce Miller	Destination Erie

Executive Board members present – 6 of 9; quorum attained

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jan Cornwell called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Julie Minich, representing All Aboard Erie, a transportation advocacy organization, provided a statement of concern regarding the recent change to the downtown/State Street bus service route, particularly the lack of public input opportunities prior to the change occurring.

Andrew Via, also representing All Aboard Erie, provided a statement supporting public transportation availability, and the positive impacts that access to the transit system has on housing affordability and property values.

Ed Kissell reminded the group that the PA DEP will be hosting three listening sessions, to discuss and hear comments on a proposed Coastal Zone Management (CZM) boundary expansion, on June 18 & 19 in Springboro, Girard and Erie.

APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Joe Legnasky to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

ECDP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The ECDP Monthly Activity Report was provided with the meeting notice, and Jake asked if there were any specific questions or comments. Jake gave a very brief update on the report to allow time for the Destination Erie representatives to conduct the Metroquest workshop, briefly commenting on the upcoming DEP/CZM boundary expansion meetings Ed Kissell mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Destination Erie Plan – Metroquest survey - group workshop / exercise

Jan introduced the Destination Erie representatives, Renee Lamis and Joyce Miller, the facilitators of the workshop. Renee provided an update on the Destination Erie planning process, indicating that the project is in the second of three phases, with this phase

focusing on obtaining additional public input and comments on identified community issues to begin to prioritize them.

Renee then reviewed the Metroquest website / online survey, explaining how the survey operates, and how to complete it using the I-pads distributed to the members. Renee demonstrated going through the tabs of the survey step by step. The members were then asked to go ahead and complete the surveys on their own pace, and ask for assistance if there were any problems going through the survey.

After all members completed filing out the survey, Renee reviewed the results of the exercise, comparing the ECPC session results with the overall results to date (attached). Additional discussion followed.

Renee and Joyce were thanked for their facilitation of the exercise.

OTHER BUSINESS

Municipal Reports

Bill Kuhn informed the group of an emerging issue facing municipalities regarding worker's comp (WC) coverage/payments due to unintended impacts of Act 46 of 2011, which expanded WC coverage for firefighters. Insurance carriers are now dropping municipalities from WC policy renewals, forcing municipalities to obtain other coverage resulting in higher premiums. Bill stated that the Boro Association and COG are jointly working on addressing the issue with the area state legislators.

Meeting Cancellation

A motion was made by Charles Casey and seconded by Joe Legnasky to cancel the July 11 ECPC meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.