

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012

At a **special** meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, March 29, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Flynn-Co-Chair, Gralewski, Mocerri, Sabatini and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused were Carabelli, Miller, Smith and Tocco.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Brown and Frascchetti.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Mocerri, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #4A). **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individual addressed the Board:

Jim Jacobs, President, Macomb Community College, 14500 E. 12 Mile Road, Warren

REPORT BY DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Numerous handouts were distributed.

Co-Chair Flynn noted today's discussion is purely informational.

Annmarie Erickson from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) hoped all agree the DIA is an issue for the entire region. Key topics covered included:

- DIA funding sources
- Visitor attendance and the percentage of those from the tri-county region and from Macomb County
- Numerous organizations she works with in Macomb County
- The question would be put before Macomb County voters on the August ballot
- DIA operating budget

The following commissioners spoke: Fraschetti and Mocerì.

Co-Chair Flynn recognized Attorney Joe Viviano and Kirk Profit from Governmental Consultant Services who accompanied Annmarie Erickson.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

Attorney Joe Viviano addressed the committee.

Jill Smith outlined the process that would need to occur if the Board decides to move forward. According to the Act, the Board of Commissioners would need to approve proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority, and authorize their publication in the newspaper. After publication, the final Articles of Incorporation would be adopted and members of the Authority would be appointed. The Authority would develop the proposed language that would be placed on the ballot. The deadline to get language certified is May 29th.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Mocerì and Vosburg.

Kirk Profit addressed the committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

SUMMARY OF ADMINISTERED GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An updated copy of the Summary of Administered Grants for the Department of Planning & Economic Development was distributed.

Steve Cassin noted that his department is responsible for 13 grants.

Gerard Santoro briefly described the following grants and the funding agency:

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (two grants)
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund
- Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant

The following commissioners spoke: Fraschetti and Mocerì.

James Ahee briefly described the following grants and the funding agency:

- Hazardous Substance Grant
- Petroleum Substance Grant

There were no questions.

Mike Rozny briefly described the following grants and the funding agency:

- Community Development Block Grant Program
- HOME Program
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1 (NSP1)
- Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP 3)
- Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP)
- Community Development Block Grant Program – Recovery (CDBG-R)

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Mocerri.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE GRANTS

Information was provided in committee packets on the following Public Works Office Grants:

- GIS Digital Drain Mapping Program (Enclosed Drains) Phase 3
- GIS Digital Drain Mapping Program (Enclosed Drains) Phase 4
- GIS Digital Drain Mapping Program (Open Drains)
- Clinton River Low Impact Design Program
- Clinton River Spillway Habitat Restoration Planning and Design Program
- E.coli Elimination at Memorial Park, St. Clair Shores
- S2 Engineering Grant for Sewer Interceptor Corrosion Control

Bill Misterovich noted in attendance with him were: Lynne Seymour, Lara Sucharski and Jim Pistilli. He reported Public Works has seven grants in various stages of implementation and several others that are in preliminary stages of review and approval.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Mocerri and Frascchetti.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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