

**MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010**

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Bruley-Co-Chair, Carabelli-Co-Chair, Accavitti, Brown, Duzyj, D. Flynn, Mijac, Mocerri and Vosburg.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

J. Flynn and Szczepanski.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Co-Chair Carabelli removed agenda items #6b and #7b. He removed the HOME Program portion of the motion from agenda item #7c. There were no objections.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Mijac, to adopt the agenda, as amended.  
**The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Duzyj, to approve the March 17, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Since Justin Robinson had not arrived yet, Co-Chair Carabelli moved on to agenda item #6c. There were no objections.

c) **Report on Hosting Mexican-American Delegation**

Steve Cassin gave an overview of this request.

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley and Vosburg.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY D. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE HOSTING A RECEPTION FOR MEXICAN AND MEXICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS IN COOPERATION WITH THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO ON JULY 2, 2010. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Co-Chair Carabelli moved back to agenda item #6a.

#### a) Report on China Trade Mission

Justin Robinson provided an overview of the recent economic development trip to China which occurred March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup>. He recapped past activity that occurred from the November trip to China. He spoke mostly on the mission of this trip, meetings that occurred, new relationships that were established and potential opportunities as a result of this trip.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the update report on the China trade mission. **The Motion Carried.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### a) Status Report on Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)

Mike Rozny gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, NSP Status Update.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the status report on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The following commissioners spoke: Duzyj, Brown, J. Flynn and Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

- c) Authorization to Modify Developer Contracts for the HOME Program Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Note: Under adoption of today's agenda, Co-Chair Carabelli removed the HOME Program portion from the motion.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE AND EXTEND DEVELOPER CONTRACTS FOR VERY-LOW-INCOME HOUSING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) TO MODERATE AND MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING IN THE NSP IN ORDER TO MEET COMMITMENT DEADLINES. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

- a) Update on County-wide Trail Program

Co-Chair Bruley indicated that John Crumm was attending a meeting at Selfridge ANG Base.

Co-Chair Bruley reported that they met with the communities, and the bike path route has been established. The Air Force Base, through the military, is in favor of having the bike path go along the coast and out into the lake. They are in the process of establishing a lease with the Air Force Base and the military. He reported that they requested to get additional federal money and the grant application can be turned in on August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Natural Resources Commission; they have about \$30 million available for projects in Michigan. He invited commissioners to attend a meeting that will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> with the communities. He noted that after that meeting, they will need to come up with other ideas on how to get this project funded.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Brown, to receive and file the report on the County-wide Trail Master Plan.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Bruley and Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- a) Report on Environmental Grant Activity

Gerard Santoro gave a PowerPoint presentation which consisted of a spreadsheet listing ongoing activities. The list was broke down into several highlighted areas.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on environmental grant activity.

The following commissioners spoke: J. Flynn and Duzyj.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **MARKETING & PROMOTION**

No report.

### **TOURISM**

No report.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

#### a) **Update on Economic Development Specialist Positions**

Steve Cassin gave an update on each of the following positions: 1) Lake St. Clair Economic Development Specialist; 2) Economic Development Defense Specialist and 3) Agricultural and Food Specialist.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Brown, to receive and file the update report on the Economic Development Specialist positions.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown and Bruley.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

#### b) **Request Sharing of Personnel with Library**

Co-Chair Bruley gave an overview of this request.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Mijac, to concur with the request from the

Planning and Economic Development Department to share Ms. Denise Mentzer with the Library on a 50-50 basis. **Refer to the Personnel Committee. The Motion Carried.**

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

a) **Update on University of Michigan Urban Planning Students**

JohnPaul Rea invited commissioners to attend today's networking luncheon. The University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning will be presenting their analysis and findings for their 2010 Macomb County Practicum Projects.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the update on the University of Michigan Urban Planning students.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

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| • May 5  | SBTDC | Fundamentals of Starting a Business |
| • May 18 | SBTDC | Business Planning: Nuts and Bolts   |
| • May 19 | SBTDC | Fundamentals of Finance             |
| • May 21 | SBTDC | Business Legal Issues               |

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Accavitti, to receive and file the update on economic development events. **The Motion Carried.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Mocerri, to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks**  
**Committee Reporter**