

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2010

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, July 14, 2010, in the Board Room, on the 9th 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.

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

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as amended to include #9b. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Vosburg, to approve the June 16, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jon Moore, City Manager, City of Richmond, 68225 Main Street, Richmond
Troy Jeschke, City Planner, City of Richmond, and Macomb Orchard Trail Commission
Representative, 68225 Main Street, Richmond

PARTNERSHIPS

a) **Report on Credit Union Small Business Financing Initiative**

Don Morandini and Chad Hoffmeyer, Business Development Specialist for MBC Loans, gave an overview of this initiative.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Duzyj and Bruley.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the report on the Credit Union Small Business Financing Initiative. **The Motion Carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

a) Status Report on Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Mike Rozny gave a report on the County Homebuyer Program, the Developer Homebuyer Program and redevelopment activities in Center Line, Eastpointe and Mount Clemens.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown and Vosburg.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the status report on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. **The Motion Carried.**

b) Monthly Report from Solid Ground

Lawanda Jackson, Executive Director, gave a brief report.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the monthly report from Solid Ground.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

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

c) Substantial Amendment to Neighborhood Stabilization Program

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS BROWN, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION TO HUD OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CARABELLI VOTING “NO.”**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a) Report on Macomb County/Greater Detroit Hispanic Business Community Stars & Stripes Event

Maria Zardis reported that this was a successful event with more than 250 attendees.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the Macomb County/Greater Detroit Hispanic Business Community Stars and Stripes Event.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

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

PLANNING

- a) Update on County-wide Trail Plan

John Crumm noted that he has received a resolution from each of the communities involved indicating that they have looked at the location of the trail and have identified where it will be located within their community. He said these will be included with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the July 2010 update on the status of trail projects along the Macomb County 70 mile trail loop.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Accavitti.

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

- b) Approve Application for Infrastructure Loan

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mocerri, to approve submission of an application for an infrastructure loan and forward to the Budget Committee.

John Crumm and Bob Hoepfner, County Highway Engineer, provided an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Vosburg.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

- a) Authorization to Submit Grant Application for Two ChargePoint Network Charging Stations

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY D. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR TWO CHARGEPOINT NETWORK VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS.

Steve Cassin gave a brief overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

MARKETING & PROMOTION

- a) Update on 2010 Macomb Magazine

Maria Zardis gave a brief update.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the report on the 2010 Macomb Magazine. **The Motion Carried.**

ADMINISTRATIVE

- a) Update on Departmental Staffing

Steve Cassin gave an update on the position that they are sharing with the Library, as well as the vacant Administrative Secretary position.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the update on the Department of Planning and Economic Development staffing.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- July 21 Business Legal Issues SBTDC
- July 27 Marketing Your Business SBTDC
- July 29 SBA Financing Roundtable SBTDC
- August 18 Writing a Business Plan SBTDC
- August 25 Tax Seminar: Reporting Small Business
Income & Expenses SBTDC

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mocerri asked if the Planning and Economic Development Department has looked into applying for the Sustainable Regional Planning Grant through HUD. Mr. Cassin said he will check into that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Vosburg, to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**