

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Mijac-Chair, Carabelli-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Klinefelt, Mocerri, Smith and Flynn (ex-officio).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mijac called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Boyle, to adopt the agenda, as amended to include #7, Presentation by the American Albanian Cultural and Economic Exchange. **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Boyle, to approve the February 28, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**OVERVIEW OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT;  
MISSION, GOALS AND NEEDS**

Steve Cassin, Executive Director, summarized the department's program areas and shared the department's mission, which is to improve the jobs and investment into the county, as well as improve the quality of life for residents.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Cassin: Brown, Carabelli, Klinefelt, Mijac, Smith and Flynn.

Commissioner Brown requested a list of the companies who have attained economic development success. Mr. Cassin agreed to provide.

Commissioner Mocerri requested information on the Fresh Water Institute and Mr. Cassin said that would be sent.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Smith, to receive and file the overview provided on the Planning and Economic Development Department. **The Motion Carried.**

**PRESENTATION BY AMERICAN ALBANIAN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGE**

Dede Beleshi, Chairman of the American Albanian Cultural and Economic Exchange (AACEE), Eduart Aliko and Edward Firoz, Business Partners and Members, were present and provided an overview of their organization, its mission and purpose, and outlined some of their projects.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Smith, Klinefelt and Mijac.

Chair Mijac stated that the next step for the organization is to have communication with the Office of the County Executive and Planning and Economic Development Department to explore a potential relationship between Macomb County and Albania.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Brown, to receive and file the presentation provided by members of the American Albanian Cultural and Economic Exchange. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.



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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**