

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 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, D. Flynn, Mijac, Mocerri, Vosburg and Gielegem (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Duzyj (senior outreach).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Crouchman, Lampar, Rengert and Sprys.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Mocerri, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include #8b). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Vosburg, to approve the August 19, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Report on Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Steve Cassin indicated that Mike Rozny had a death in his family and was unable to be present, but he had submitted a report.

MOTION

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

Authorization to Award Subcontracts for Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Program

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ACCAVITTI, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN NON-PROFIT SUB-RECIPIENT AGREEMENTS THAT WOULD ALLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

Report on FastTrac Program

Don Morandini provided an overview of this new program.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Vosburg.

MOTION

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

COMMUNITY PLANNING

Update on Countywide Trail Master Plan

Since John Crumm was unable to be present, Co-Chair Bruley provided an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the Countywide Trail Master Plan. **The Motion Carried.**

Mass Transit Plan

John Hertel, CEO, Regional Transit Coordinating Council, provided an overview of what has occurred in the past regarding a Regional Transit Plan and the creation of a Regional

Transit Authority. He spoke about the importance of the Regional Transit Authority bill that will be necessary to apply for future funding.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY D. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY ACCAVITTI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THE REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN PROVIDED THAT PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO RAPID BUS LINK THAT FOLLOWS THE “GOLDEN TRIANGLE”.

The following commissioners spoke: D. Flynn, Crouchman, Brown, Gielegem, Rengert, Vosburg and Bruley.

Co-Chair Carabelli asked that the motion include: WITH SIMULTANEOUS CONSTRUCTION STARTS IN ALL THREE COMMUNITIES. That was agreed to by the maker and supporter.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL

- No Report

MARKETING & PROMOTION

Request Authorization to Create Committee to Renew Macomb County Magazine Proposal for Use at Airport Terminal

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Brown, to create an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Planning and Economic Development Committee to review proposals to create the 2010 Macomb County Magazine. **The Motion Carried.**

Update on Film Macomb

Maria Zardis reported on the use of a restaurant in downtown Mount Clemens for the filming of the movie “Red Dawn” and provided an overview of Film Macomb.

MOTION

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

TOURISM

- No Report

ADMINISTRATIVE

Report from GIS & Graphics Program Area

Steve Cassin indicated that Jeffery Schroeder was unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Moceri, to table this issue until next month.
The Motion Carried.

Request Extension of Temporary Assignment of Office Clerk to Business Counselor

A handout was provided.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by D. Flynn, to approve the request to extend the temporary reclassification of Susan Bates from Account Clerk IV to Business Counselor in the Planning and Economic Development Department and forward to the Budget Committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Accavitti.

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

Presentation of Department Organization Chart

A handout was provided.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the update on the Planning and Economic Development Department organization chart.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Bruley and Crouchman.

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

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Update on Wayne State University/Macomb County Business Assistance Center

Steve Cassin stated that the grand opening will be October 7 and they will be occupying a part of the 8th Floor in this building.

MOTION

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Brown, to receive and file the report on the Wayne State University/Macomb County Business Assistance Center. **The Motion Carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- September 14-November 23 FastTrac to the Future
- September 30 Tax Seminar: Employees & Taxes: What You Need to Know
- October 14 Entrepreneurial Series: Starting a Business
- October 21 Entrepreneurial Series: Writing a Business Plan

MOTION

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brown suggested that our state representatives be invited on a quarterly basis to discuss budget issues. Co-Chair Bruley said he will discuss that with the Chair of the Technology & Communications Committee.

Steve Cassin spoke about having been invited to attend a quarterly event of the National Defense Industrial Association - Michigan Chapter. He said the event was very positive and that Macomb County is positioned to become the premier defense sector center of the Midwest region.

In addition, Mr. Cassin brought to the commissioners' attention that some of the communities within the county are concerned about the Renaissance Zone designation for western Wayne County, which involves up to 6,000 acres of tax-free land being available for little to no taxes.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

**Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter**