

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 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, Vosburg and Gielegghem (ex-officio).

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

Crouchman, Lampar and Szczepanski

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by Mocerri, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Report on Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

Mike Rozny gave a verbal presentation.

**MOTION**

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

**BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION**

**Presentation from Ron Perry, Executive Director, Michigan Israel Business Bridge**

Ron Perry provided an overview of the Michigan Israel Business Bridge and its importance to Macomb County.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the presentation on the Michigan Israel Business Bridge.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Duzyj and Vosburg.

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

### **Request Authorization to Participate in Trade Mission to India**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by D. Flynn, to authorize international travel to India at a cost estimated at \$4,900; funding is available in the Department of Planning and Economic Development's Economic Development Travel Account, and forward to the Finance Committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

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

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING**

#### **Update on Countywide Trail Master Plan**

John Crumm gave an update on the meetings that have occurred.

#### **MOTION**

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

#### **Update on Gratiot Avenue Access Management Plan**

John Crumm gave an update on their work with the nine communities along the corridor.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the report on the Gratiot Avenue Access Management Plan.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

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

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- No Report

## **MARKETING & PROMOTION**

### **Presentation of Macomb County Defense & Homeland Security Sector Profile**

Steve Cassin reviewed the brochure that was distributed and said it has been well received. He noted that the pictures were taken in Macomb County.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the report on the Macomb County Defense and Homeland Security Sector Profile. **The Motion Carried.**

## **TOURISM**

- No Report

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **Request Authorization to Hire Part-Time NSP Intern**

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mijac, supported by Mocerri, to authorize the Department of Planning and Economic Development to hire a part-time intern to assist in the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); funding is available from the NSP grant, and forward this to the Personnel Committee. **The Motion Carried.**

### **Report from GIS & Graphics Program Area**

Jeff Schroeder, Program Director, provided an overview of the graphic design and geographic information services they provide and who they serve and/or partner with.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the report on the activities of the GIS and Graphics Program Area.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Brown, Mijac and Bruley.

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 there is an open house scheduled today and he introduced Dr. Dean Williams, School of Business Administration.

**MOTION**

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

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| • September 14-November 23 | FastTrac to the Future  |
| • October 14               | Starting a Business     |
| • October 21               | Writing a Business Plan |
| • December 2               | Marketing Your Business |
| • December 3               | Business Legal Issues   |

**MOTION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

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

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