

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010**

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Thursday, October 14, 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.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Duzyj, to approve the September 15, 2010 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

a) **Report on Macomb-Oakland University INCubator**

Dr. David Spencer, Executive Director, SmartZone Development, OU INCubator introduced two of his colleagues who were in the audience, Jeff Barry and Wayne Blizman.

He then gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, MACOMB INCUBATOR -- Technology Advancement SmartZone of Sterling Heights -- October 2010 Update. Key topics included: SmartZone Status Achieved, SmartZone Partners, Sector Focus, Milestones, A.J. Damman Co. Building Donation to City of Sterling Heights -- December 2009, Early Stage Program, Growth Stage Program, Mature Stage Program, Inquiry Screening Process, Company Kitchen Cabinet Advisory Boards, Additional Services Providers, and OU INC Collaboratory. During the presentation, he indicated that he would leave copies of the 11-page PowerPoint presentation for distribution.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the Macomb-Oakland University INCubator report from Dr. David Spencer, Executive Director of Macomb-Oakland University INCubator.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Duzyj.

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

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### a) Update on Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Mike Rozny was present to answer questions.

### **MOTION**

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

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Brown.

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

#### b) Monthly Report from Solid Ground

Mike Rozny reported that per Solid Ground's director, they are at 90% occupancy. On the overhead drop down screens, he displayed the note he received from the director of Solid Ground for commissioners viewing.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the monthly report from Solid Ground. **The Motion Carried.**

### **PLANNING**

#### a) Update on County-wide Trail Plan

A poster board entitled, Macomb County 70 Mile Regional Trail Loop was displayed.

John Crumm gave an update on the status of trail projects.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mocerì, to receive and file the October 2010 update on the status of trail projects along the Macomb County 70 mile trail loop. **The Motion Carried.**

### **FILM**

- a) Request Approval of "Template" Location Agreement for Filming

Maria Zardis was present to answer questions.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by D. Flynn, to approve the "Template" Location Agreement which is to be used when filmmakers wish to use county facilities and property and authorize the Board Chair to execute each contract, when applicable. **Refer to the Finance Committee.**

Commissioner Mocerì noted a typographical error on the first page, section 3. The "b" in parenthesis needs to be properly spelled out.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg, Carabelli and Duzyj.

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

### **TOURISM**

- a) Report on Activities – Tourism Development Specialist

Kristen Grifka gave a brief overview of her three-page outlined report on the Lake St. Clair Tourism Development Program – Program Update as of October 2010.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by D. Flynn, to receive and file the report on the activities of the Tourism Development Specialist.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Carabelli, Vosburg and Mocerì.

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

## **AGRICULTURE**

a) Report on Activities – Agriculture Development Specialist

A two-page outlined Program Update as of October 2010 which was prepared by Grace Mutua, Macomb County MSU Extension Educator & Agriculture Economic Development Specialist was distributed.

Don Morandini indicated that due to a prior conflict, Grace Mutua was not able to attend this morning's committee meeting.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Accavitti, to receive and file the report on the activities of the Agriculture Development Specialist. **The Motion Carried.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

a) Authorization to Travel and Participate in Automation Alley Domestic Trade Mission to Orlando, Florida – Army Science Conference & Exhibition (November 28 - December 2, 2010)

Don Morandini was present to answer questions.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Duzyj, to approve the department request to attend the Automation Alley Domestic Trade Mission to the Army Science Conference & Exhibition in Orlando, Florida. **Refer to the Finance Committee.**

The following commissioners spoke: Mocerri, Carabelli and D. Flynn.

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

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

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|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| • October 27  | Tax Info for Sole Proprietors | SBTDC |
| • November 3  | Starting a Business           | SBTDC |
| • November 4  | Business Legal Issues         | SBTDC |
| • November 10 | Fundamentals of Finance       | SBTDC |
| • November 17 | Taxes & Your Home Office      | SBTDC |

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, 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 Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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