

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, March 14, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Gralewski, Miller, Moceri, Sabatini, Smith and Tocco.

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Brown, DiMaria, Frascetti and Sauger.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

PRESENTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

a) Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership

Ed Bruley from Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership discussed trade and cultural missions as well as Mandarin teacher exchange programs.

Starting off the presentation, the website www.gapminder.org/videos/200-years-that-changed-the-world/ was displayed. Due to technical difficulties, the sound portion of the video was unavailable; instead he gave a verbal overview of the slides appearing on the overhead drop down screens.

He then gave a PowerPoint slide presentation. Key slides consisted of the following:

Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership
Ni-hao

- MCEP's purpose
- Why China?
- What MCEP has done
- University connections
- Shanghai University
- University study tours
- Host families
- K-12 sister schools
- Lake Shore Haidian Beijing
- What's next...
- Business outreach
- Dr. Jim Edoff, Fanning Howey
- Our goal

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Sauger, Frascchetti, Smith, Flynn and Miller.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Smith, to receive and file the presentation by Ed Bruley from Macomb Cultural & Economic Partnership. **The Motion Carried.**

b) Lillian Demas from International Academy of Macomb

Numerous handouts were distributed.

Lillian Demas from International Academy of Macomb gave a verbal presentation and discussed the rigorous curriculum for highly motivated students who want to earn an International Baccalaureate diploma. Other areas discussed consisted of the following:

- International Baccalaureate Program
- International Academy of Macomb opened in 2008
- International Academy of Macomb will graduate its first senior class this year
- 94 students in the Class of 2012
- IA Macomb participating districts
- Eligibility to attend the IA Macomb
- Benefits for students attending the IA Macomb
- Enrichment activities
- ACT scores
- IA Macomb houses 500 students in grades 9 through 12
- IA Macomb accepts 125 9th graders each year

She then introduced two seniors who had accompanied her this morning: Zachary Speck and Shaima Khandaker.

Zachary Speck spoke about his learning experience while attending the International Academy of Macomb and his future plans and goals.

Shaima Khandaker spoke about her learning experience while attending the International Academy of Macomb and her future plans and goals.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Smith, to receive and file the presentation by Lillian Demas from International Academy of Macomb. **The Motion Carried.**

c) Jeff Jorge from Global Development Partners

Jeff Jorge from Global Development Partners spoke about emerging sectors and how small- and medium-sized businesses can enter into emerging markets. He gave a PowerPoint slide presentation. Key slides consisted of the following:

- Globalizing Macomb County
- Accelerating opportunities
- Growth strategy formulation and execution
- Turnkey global market development
- Emerging market opportunity (Brazil as a case study)
- Macomb County's targeted industries
- What we have observed
- Three major gaps...
- Linked to opportunities

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Smith and Frascchetti.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the presentation by Jeff Jorge from Global Development Partners. **The Motion Carried.**

TRANSPORTATION

a) R-PATH Monthly Report

Co-Chair Carabelli indicated in lieu of time, the R-PATH March report would be discussed at next month's committee meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTION

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individual addressed the Board:

Don Lobsinger, resides in St. Clair Shores

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Jacks", written over a horizontal line.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter