

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, April 11, 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, Mocerri, Sabatini,
Smith, Tocco and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Brown, DiMaria, Frascchetti and Sauger.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Gralewski, to approve the February 22, 2012 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Philis DeSaele (did not provide her address)
Karen Spranger, City of Warren, District 5
Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren
Russell Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent
Roger Holtslander, Clinton Township
Juanita Parker, Fraser
Simon Haddad, Clinton Township

AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MACOMB COUNTY ART INSTITUTE AUTHORITY

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Miller, to authorize the publication of the proposed Articles of Incorporation of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority.
Forward to the Finance Committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Flynn.

Annmarie Erickson from the Detroit Institute of Arts reiterated her comments made at the March 29th special meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

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

Jill Smith overviewed the proposed draft copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority:

Article 1 – Name

There were no questions.

Article 2 – Purposes

There were no questions.

Article 3 – Board of Directors

There were no questions.

Article 4 – Officers

There were no questions.

Article 5 – Powers and Duties

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Smith, Flynn, Mocerri, DiMaria, Miller, Frascchetti and Vosburg.

During discussion, the following actions were taken:

Specific to paragraph 4: A **friendly amendment** by Co-Chair Carabelli was accepted, as follows: To add the following language: “If approved by the electors.”

Specific to paragraph 6: A **friendly amendment** by Co-Chair Carabelli was accepted, as follows: To add the following language: “Waiver of admission fees for residents of Macomb County.”

Specific to paragraphs 15 and 16: A **friendly amendment** by Co-Chair Carabelli was accepted, as follows: To add the following sentence: “Notices and minutes will be forwarded to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for posting as the Board of Commissioners determines.”

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Mocerri was accepted, as follows: To add another paragraph (after paragraph 16), which shall read: “The Authority will report annually on the status of the contract between the Authority and the Detroit Institute of Arts.”

Article 6 – Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation

There were no questions.

Article 7 – Publication and Filing

There were no questions.

Article 8 – Dissolution of Authority

There were no questions.

Article 9 – Term and Effectiveness

There were no questions.

Before the roll call vote was taken, the following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Brown, Sabatini, Frascchetti and Smith.

A roll call vote was taken on the **main motion, as amended**, as follows:

Voting Yes were Flynn, Miller, Mocerri and Tocco. There were 4 “Yes” votes.

Voting No were Carabelli, Gralowski, Sabatini and Smith. There were 4 “No” votes.

The Motion was Defeated.

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO NSP 1 & 3 AND HOME PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Mike Rozny gave an extensive overview of this request.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAMS 1 AND 3, AND HOME PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli asked that it be made part of the record that he will be voting no, because they did not go out for bid competitively for the same type of projects and awarded a no-bid contract.

The following commissioners spoke: Smith and Mocerri.

Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane spoke in support of this project.

The following commissioners spoke: Frascchetti and Smith.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CARABELLI AND SABATINI VOTING "NO."**

ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATIONS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MOCERI, SUPPORTED BY MILLER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATIONS:

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER SCOTT AS BEING SELECTED AS CRAIN'S 2012 CLASS OF 20 IN THEIR 20s (**OFFERED BY FLYNN AND CARABELLI**);

RECOGNIZING BOBBY STASZAK AS BEING SELECTED AS CRAIN'S 2012 CLASS OF 20 IN THEIR 20s (**OFFERED BY FLYNN AND CARABELLI**); AND

RECOGNIZING JEREMY YAKEL AS BEING SELECTED AS CRAIN'S 2012 CLASS OF 20 IN THEIR 20s (**OFFERED BY FLYNN, CARABELLI AND VOSBURG**).

FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE AND FILE PROPOSED MACOMB COUNTY ORCHARD TRAIL ORDINANCE 2012-

Jill Smith noted the Macomb Orchard Trail (MOT) Commission is proposing the Ordinance. She introduced Troy Jeschke, Chair of the MOT Commission.

The following commissioners spoke: Mocerri and Flynn.

Troy Jeschke overviewed the reasons why an Ordinance is necessary and the intention of the Ordinance. He reported that they modeled the Ordinance from other trails in the area that have been successful in the past. He reported the MOT Commission has reviewed the Ordinance at a number of meetings earlier this year. They would like to submit it for this committee's viewing and subsequent approval at a later date.

Jill Smith indicated the most concerning is graffiti and destruction along the trail. Additionally, she is hoping once they receive numbers from the Finance Department that the MOT Commission will be able to present their Annual Report and proposed Phase I spring replanting plan at next month's committee meeting.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the proposed Macomb County Orchard Trail Ordinance 2012-____. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION FROM MACOMB AGRICULTURAL PDR COMMITTEE

A 2011 Directory on Michigan Farm Market & Agricultural Tourism was distributed.

Keith Rengert gave a verbal presentation. Key areas covered included:

- History of the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program
- Data on farming in Macomb County
- What is PDR
- Five townships currently involved
- Why would one want to sell development rights
- Examples of how PDR can work
- Nationally recognized in 2002 with National Association of Counties

He asked for the Board's continued support of the program and agriculture in Macomb County.

Ken DeCock gave a verbal presentation. Key areas covered included:

- Funding and success of PDR in Macomb County
- Assistance received from Michigan State University Extension and from the Planning and Economic Development Department
- 2002 Macomb County Policy Recommendations on Farmland and Open Space Preservation

Lastly, he thanked the Board for their commitment and he hopes to continue the process.

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the presentation by Keith Rengert and Ken DeCock from the Macomb Agricultural PDR Committee. **The Motion Carried.**

R-PATH MONTHLY REPORTS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Co-Chair Flynn moved the R-PATH reports to the next meeting of this committee.

RECEIVE AND FILE DEPARTMENT OF ROADS FEDERALLY APPROVED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) PROJECTS FOR 2012

MOTION

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the Macomb County Department of Roads federally approved Transportation Improvement Program projects for 2012.

There were no questions for Robert Hoepfner from the Department of Roads.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTION

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Joseph Hunt, 8306 Stanley, Warren
Simon Haddad, Clinton Township
Russell Holtslander, 23140 Wellington Crescent
Phillis DeSaele (did not provide her address)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mocerri, to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 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