

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, May 13, 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, Duzyj, D. Flynn, Mijac, Mocerri, Vosburg and Gielegem (ex-officio).

Other Commissioners Also Present:

Commissioner Boyle
Commissioner J. Flynn
Commissioner Lampar
Commissioner Sprys
Commissioner Szczepanski

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Co-Chair Bruley moved up agenda item #9(B) (presentation of resolution to Achatz Homemade Pie Company) to after #5(B). There were no objections.

MOTION

A motion was made by Accavitti, supported by D. Flynn, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to remove item #14(B) and add items #10(G) and (H) and #14(C)). **The Motion Carried.**

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

A) Presentation from Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau CEO Larry Alexander

Mr. Larry Alexander, CEO, Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau gave a verbal presentation. He spoke about the progress the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau has made on marketing Macomb County. He then introduced Mr. Chris Baum, Senior Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

Mr. Baum spoke about a couple new initiatives they are undertaking; specifically, the film industry and auto tourism.

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the presentation from Mr. Larry Alexander, CEO, Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley, Duzyj, J. Flynn and Vosburg.

Mr. Alexander left a few colored copies of the front cover of their Visit Detroit magazine that is being published for summer/fall 2009. The headline is Marvelous Macomb; a hot spot that they are featuring in this publication. He asked that copies be distributed.

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

B) SEMCOG Reports on Residential Construction and Non-Residential Development

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the SEMCOG written reports on residential construction and non-residential development.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

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

BUSINESS EXPANSION

B) Presentation of Resolution to Achatz Homemade Pie Company – 2008 Michigan Best Small Businesses

Vice Chair D. Flynn presented the resolution on behalf of the Board to Ms. Wendy Achatz.

Ms. Achatz addressed the committee.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A) Report on Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Mr. Mike Rozny gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

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

B) Approval of 2009 Annual Plan, 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan

Mr. Rozny gave a verbal presentation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT THE 2009 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE URBAN COUNTY OF MACOMB AND THE 2009-2013 MACOMB HOME CONSORTIUM CONSOLIDATED PLAN. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

C) Approval of HOME Funding for Springhill Housing and Solid Ground

Mr. Rozny gave a verbal presentation. He noted a change in the amount on the resolution sheet for Springhill Housing Corporation which should be \$447,112 not \$446,799. He asked that the change be made. There were no objections.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS OF \$67,524 IN CHDO OPERATIONS FUNDING FOR SOLID GROUND AND \$447,112 FOR SPRINGHILL HOUSING CORPORATION.

The following commissioner spoke: Bruley.

Commissioner Accavitti abstained from voting, because his name is on letterhead as an honorary board member of the Solid Ground organization.

The following commissioners spoke: J. Flynn and Carabelli.

Co-Chair Carabelli called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ACCAVITTI “ABSTAINING.”**

D) Approval of Home Prevention Rapid Re-Entry Program Grant

Mr. Rozny gave a verbal presentation.

The following commissioner spoke: Brown.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY ACCAVITTI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL TO HUD OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2008 CDBG PROGRAM FOR \$687,807 IN HOMELESS PREVENTION FUNDING. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

BUSINESS RETENTION

A) Report on TACOM/TARDEC Visit

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the economic development retention visit to TACOM/TARDEC.

Commissioner D. Flynn had a question for Mr. Rozny.

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

BUSINESS ATTRACTION

A) Report on Hannover, Germany (Wind Energy) Exhibition

An eight-page handout was distributed. It was entitled, Hannover Messe: April 19-24, 2009 - Wind Power & Energy Efficiency - Global Exposition.

Mr. Bob Tess referred to the handout and gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by D. Flynn, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the Hannover, Germany (Wind Energy) Fair.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg.

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

B) Report on Chicago Wind Power 2009

A 16-page handout was distributed. It was entitled, Highlights From Largest Wind Power Event In The World.

Mr. Justin Robinson referred to the handout and gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the report on Chicago Windpower 2009.

The following commissioner spoke: Carabelli.

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

C) Update on China Delegation Visit on June 26, 2009

Co-Chair Bruley gave a verbal presentation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO HOST CHINESE BUSINESS IN MICHIGAN AND CHINESE-AMERICAN LEADERS IN MICHIGAN TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH MACOMB COUNTY ON JUNE 26, 2009.

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley and Brown.

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

BUSINESS EXPANSION

A) Macomb-Oakland University Incubator/SmartZone (No Report)

Co-Chair Carabelli said that there was no report at this time. He moved on to the next agenda item.

COMMUNITY PLANNING

A) Update on Gratiot Avenue Access Management Plan

Mr. John Paul Rea gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, 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.**

B) Update on Countywide Trail Master Plan

Mr. John Crumm gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

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

After the vote, the following commissioner spoke: Brown.

C) Update on University of Michigan Urban Planning Projects

D) Presentation of Resolution to U of M Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Mr. Rea introduced Ms. Megan Masson-Minock from the University of Michigan and Doctor Jennifer Callans from the Anton Art Center.

Ms. Masson-Minock addressed the committee.

Ms. Masson-Minock, Doctor Callans and Mr. Rea answered questions.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown and Bruley.

Mr. Rea presented the resolution to Ms. Masson-Minock from the University of Michigan.

After the resolution was presented, Co-Chair Carabelli called for a motion to receive and file item (C).

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to receive and file the report on the

University of Michigan Urban Planning Projects. **The Motion Carried.**

- E) Adopt Resolution Designating April 1, 2010 As Census Day in Macomb County and Assistance to Communities to Promote the Census and Citizen Participation

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY MOCERI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 1, 2010 AS CENSUS DAY IN MACOMB COUNTY AND ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE THE CENSUS AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (**OFFERED BY CO-CHAIRS BRULEY AND CARABELLI**). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- F) Update on V8 Gateway Project

Mr. Stephen Cassin recalled that information was provided in committee packets.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY BROWN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT \$25,000 FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN'S CENTERS FOR REGIONAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE VAN DYKE-8 MILE GATEWAY COLLABORATIVE (V-8 GATEWAY). **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- G) Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee on Energy Meeting of 05-05-09:

Authorize to Enroll in Rebuild Michigan Program for Purpose of Conducting Technical Energy Analysis on Several County Buildings

Ms. Lynn Arnott-Bryks was present to answer questions.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO ENROLL IN THE REBUILD MICHIGAN PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A TECHNICAL ENERGY ANALYSIS FOR THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS: COUNTY BUILDING, COURT BUILDING, JAIL, SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER AND VERKUILEN BUILDING.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and Mocerri.

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

H) Recommendation from Ad Hoc Committee on Energy Meeting of 05-05-09:

Authorize Department of Planning and Economic Development to Coordinate Preparation of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Proposal

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BROWN, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO COORDINATE THE PREPARATION OF THE EECBG PROPOSAL IN TIME FOR THE JUNE 25 DEADLINE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ENVIRONMENTAL

A) Authorize to Accept EPA Brownfield Grant (Initiation)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY D. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE E.P.A. FOR THE AWARD OF \$200,000 FOR INITIATION OF THE BROWNFIELD PETROLEUM SUBSTANCE ASSESSMENT GRANT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

B) Authorize to Accept EPA Brownfield Grant (Continuation)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY D. FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THE E.P.A. FOR THE AWARD OF \$200,000 FOR CONTINUATION OF THE BROWNFIELD HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT GRANT. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

C) Report on Coastal Zone Management Program Grant

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Mijac, to receive and file the report on the Coastal Zone Management Program Grant.

Mr. Gerard Santoro gave a verbal presentation.

The following commissioners spoke: Vosburg and J. Flynn.

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

D) Report on Army Corp of Engineers Grant

Mr. Santoro gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by D. Flynn, to receive and file the report on the Army Corp of Engineers Grant. **The Motion Carried.**

MARKETING & PROMOTION

A) Economic Development Marketing Materials (No Report)

B) Film Macomb (No Report)

Co-Chair Carabelli said that there was no report at this time on items (A) and (B). He moved on to the next agenda item.

TOURISM

A) Lake St. Clair Initiative (No Report)

B) Chesterfield Township Convention Center (No Report)

Co-Chair Carabelli said that there was no report at this time on items (A) and (B).

Commissioner Vosburg suggested adding to the Tourism section: A project going on for the last 1 ½ years regarding Macomb Tourism Destination District through the Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau. Co-Chair Carabelli said that this will be on next month's agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A) Update on Planning and Economic Development Department Reorganization

Mr. Cassin gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by D. Flynn, to receive and file the updated report on the Planning and Economic Development Department reorganization. **The Motion Carried.**

B) ~~Authorize to Purchase AGT Software~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

C) Recommendation from Technology and Communications Committee Meeting of 05-11-09:

Business Contact System for Planning and Economic Development Department

Mr. Cassin gave a verbal presentation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Vosburg, to approve the purchase of six wireless card/Blackberry devices at a one-time cost of \$300 and a monthly recurring cost of \$47.99 each; seven mobile devices at a cost not to exceed \$9,805.88; hardware, software, training and implementation of a Business Contact Information System at a one-time cost not to exceed \$20,000 and an annual recurring cost per seat not to exceed \$480 for up to 12 users for the Planning and Economic Development Department; funding available within IT Capital and Planning and Economic Development Aerial Photo Account; \$15,255.88 and \$14,850 respectively, and recurring costs available within the Planning and Economic Development Budget. **Forward to the Budget Committee. The Motion Carried.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

- May 12 Homeland Security/National Defense Small Business Workshop
- May 19 Business Planning – Growing Your Business
- May 20 Supplier Diversification Summit
- May 20 Entrepreneurial Series – Marketing Your Business
- May 27 Entrepreneurial Series – Business Legal Issues
- May 28 Entrepreneurial Series – Finance
- May 28 Brownfield Community Outreach (Romeo)
- June 4 Brownfield Community Outreach (Eastpointe)

Mr. Cassin noted an error in the upcoming events that was submitted; the Romeo event is on the 26th not the 28th. Lastly, if any commissioners are interested in attending the Eight Mile Boulevard Association luncheon on Friday, please contact his office.

The following commissioners spoke: J. Flynn and Bruley.

MOTION

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Brown, to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.
The Motion Carried.

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter