
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Thursday, March 20, 2014 - 7:30 a.m. • Community Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Bolton; Fritz Brown; Susan Einspahr; Barb Miller; Bob Miller; Patti Owens; Doug Phillips; Tom Schlueter; Nancy Troff

MEMBERS ABSENT: John MacKenzie; Jim Escamilla

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (Assistant City Manager); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Marc Hatton (Development Manager); Eric Kemmer (Redevelopment Coordinator); Martin Markos (Executive Assistant)

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chair Troff

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Mr. Markos reported that Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Escamilla had indicated that they would be absent. Ms. Owens moved to excuse those members; supported by Mr. Miller. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Owens moved approval of the agenda; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2013: Mr. Phillips moved approval of the minutes; supported by Mr. Schlueter. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

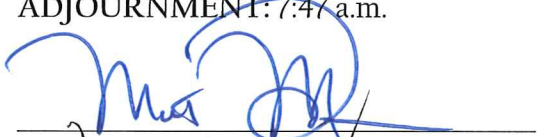
APPOINT OFFICER(S) AND MEMBER(S) NOMINATING COMMITTEE. Mr. Kisscorni informed the board that there would be a meeting mid-April with the EDC Chair, BRA Chair, Commissioner Barb Miller and Mayor Hopewell. Mr. Kisscorni let the board know that the purpose of the meeting was to look at the board nominating process going forward. Mr. Kisscorni also shared the status of current member commitments.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN PARTNERS QUARTERLY UPDATE: Joe Agostinelli distributed a copy of their progress report and provided an update. Mr. Agostinelli stated that a reoccurring issue is level of the skilled workforce and provided examples of how they are working within current Michigan programs to help civilians improve their skill level through training. Mr. Agostinelli requested if properties were available for commercial use, that they are linked to their website, ensuring their travel teams have the most up to date property information while visiting companies throughout the US.


COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 a.m.



Martin N. Markos, Recording Secretary



Nancy Troff, Chair