



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, June 5, 2019
12:00pm

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

II. Attendance

Present: Chair Lovedia Stap, Vice Chair Craig VanMelle, Tim Perrigo, Mike Kiella, Mike Walsh, Mike Manning, Kim Munn

Absent: None

Others Present: Jordan Meagher, Community Development Coordinator, Joel Dye, City Manager, Tony McGhee, Abonmarche

III. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Mike Kiella, supported by Tim Perrigo, made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on April 3, 2019. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Public Comment

None were heard.

IV. Discussion

1. Brownfield Grant Target Site Update

Staff updated the Economic Development Corporation on the different sites that had been submitted to the EPA for review to determine whether or not each site would be eligible for receiving grant funding for environmental assessment work. The sites included 221 Trowbridge, 209 Hubbard, 106/110 Locust, 152 Mill District, 155 Mill District, 109 Locust, 113 Locust, and 114/116 Locust.

After some discussion, it was decided that staff would look into submitting the Allegan County overflow parking lot, the old Grocery Outlet site, and a stretch of properties running along the Norther section of Water Street for EPA review as well.

2. Economic Development Plan Discussion

As previously discussed, as a Redevelopment Ready Community, the City must maintain an updated Economic Development Strategy Plan. This five year plan has expired for the City of Allegan, so an updated plan must be produced.

After some discussion, it was decided that a subcommittee would be formed consisting of staff and three EDC members to meet on a weekly basis to produce an updated draft of the plan to be presented to the entire EDC for review. Staff was directed to begin created an outline for this process to be presented at the next EDC meeting.

3. Sale of 101 Brady Street

After speaking with the EPA on a number of occasions, staff had learned that 101 Brady Street is currently not eligible to receive EPA grant funding for environmental assessment work. When the City of Allegan re-acquired the site back in 2009 through a reconveyance agreement, a Baseline Environmental Assessment was not produced. Therefore, the City is considered liable for any possible contamination that might have taken place at the site between 2009 and now.

Staff is considering other options that would allow grant funding to be used at the site for environmental assessment work. One option would be for the City to sell the site to either the Economic Development Corporation or the Downtown Development Authority. Both boards have been incorporated as separate entities from the City, and both have the ability to purchase and own property. This transaction would allow for funds to be used for Phase II and BEA work. Staff will bring this idea before the DDA at their next meeting, and will also consider other options for covering these costs.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jordan Meagher
Community Development Coordinator**