



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Economic Development Corporation
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, March 1, 2017

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm

II. Attendance

Present: Lovedia Stap, Fred Jordan, Kim Munn, Rachel McKenzie, Tim Perrigo, Mike Walsh and one vacancy.

Absent: Craig vanMelle, Nora Balgoyen-Williams and one vacancy.

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager and Tony McGhee, Abonmarche

III. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Fred Jordan, supported by Rachel McKenzie, made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2016 with the correction that show Mike Walsh as present. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

1. Update from Abonmarche

Tony McGhee from Abonmarche gave an update on the plans to redevelop the riverfront by expanding the park, introducing a splash pad, and an outdoor fire place. Tony then mentioned that the planned zipline over the Kalamazoo River is planning to open June 10th and staff is working with Abonmarche on developing an appropriate replacement for the Riverfront Canopy.

2. Review of the Highland Industrial Park

The EDC members discussed the history of the industrial park and came to the consensus

that staff should put effort into selling the remaining lots and while the \$10,000 per acre is guide, staff should be willing to negotiate as it sees fit.

3. Economic Development Goals for 2017

The EDC/BRA spent time discussing goals for 2017. The EDC/BRA came to a consensus to focus on the following goals:

- a. Create an Economic Development Tool Box to be prepared to offer incentives for development throughout the city.
- b. Identify and prioritize properties to market and develop, including identifying highest and best use for said properties.
- c. Educate the EDC/BRA members on their role development.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Joel Dye
City Manager**

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