



**CITY OF ALLEGAN**  
**Economic Development Corporation**  
**Griswold Auditorium**  
**401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010**  
**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

**I. Call to Order**

R. Hillard called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Deb Leverage, Lovedia Stap, Craig vanMelle, Sheila Dever, Jeff McLaughlin, Rachel McKenzie

Absent: Mike Walsh, Jim Freeman

Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Nora Balgoyen-Williams, Tim Perrigo

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

D. Leverage, supported by C. vanMelle, made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 2013. Motion passed by acclamation.

**IV. Old Business**

1. M-89 Corridor

The ACEDC discuss the M-89 Corridor and reviewed the process for its development, and tasks that have been made as a result. The Corporation indicated they would like to discuss as their next priority the organization of a Corridor Improvement Authority. This is a potential way to develop funding for future development and other public improvements including landscaping, and place focus on the corridor for potential State assistance. The area defined as a potential area for a Corridor improvement Authority included the section from the Former Elks club to the City Limits by the Allegan County Road Commission. The AEDC asked Rob to complete some research related to the development of this authority, and present at a future meeting.

2. Riverfront Vision

The ACEDC discussed the riverfront vote, and the process for future development. The ACEDC discussed the momentum for the downtown, including the restaurant study and the executive apartment concept at the former National City Building location.

## **V. New Business**

Nora Balgoyen-Williams discussed an upcoming event for business training to be held on November 20, 2013. Rob will send the notice to the group for their additional information. Further, Tim Perrigo is sending this information to their membership as well. Rob indicated that Gordon Wickens from Allegan County College Access Network (ACCAN) is planning on attending the next ACEDC meeting to discuss their progress.

## **VII. Minutes and Reports**

\*Positively Allegan (Rachel, Deb, Jeff)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Restructuring Committee (Lovedia, Craig, Mike, Jim)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Aesthetics Committee (Deb)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Downtown Development Authority (Rachel, Lovedia, Deb)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the DDA.

\*Planning Commission (Rob)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Planning Commission.

\*Highland Business Park - Architectural Control Committee (Mike)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

\*Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce (Tim)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09P. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2013, at 12:00N, at the Griswold Auditorium.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Hillard  
City Manager