



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Economic Development Corporation
Griswold Auditorium
401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

I. Call to Order

Chairperson L. Stap called the meeting to order at 12:03pm

II. Attendance

Present: Deb Leverage, Lovedia Stap, Jeff McLaughlin, Craig vanMelle, Tim Perrigo, Mike Walsh and Sheila Dever

Absent: Rachel McKenzie, Nora Balgoyen-Williams
Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Lori K. Vander Clay

III. Approval of the Previous Minutes

D. Leverage, supported by C. vanMelle, made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2014. Motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Old Business

2014 EDC Goals

City Manager R. Hillard reviewed each goal of the EDC. C. vanMelle, supported by J. McLaughlin, made a motion to approve as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Kayak/Paddle Boat/Restrooms – MDNR Grant Support

M. Walsh, supported by D. Leverage, made a motion to offer full support, as a City board, in submitting this grant. Motion passed by acclamation.

Restaurant Study – 213/215 Hubbard Street

City Manager R. Hillard reviewed the study. Members discussed. He invited everyone to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, March 10th to hear the presentation from Abonmarche. D. Leverage, supported by C. vanMelle, made a motion that the City has the full support of the Economic Development Corporation members for continued development and recruitment of a restaurant in downtown Allegan. Motion passed by acclamation.

Downtown Housing Study – 155 Brady Street

City Manager R. Hillard reviewed. J. McLaughlin, supported by S. Dever, made a motion that the Economic Development Corporation members are in full support of this study. Motion passed by D. Leverage voting nay.

V. New Business

VII. Minutes and Reports

*Positively Allegan (Rachel, Deb, Jeff)

The AEDC received the activity conducted by the Committee.

D. Leverage congratulated the committee and the numerous volunteers for winning an award at the Chamber Evening of Recognition.

*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)

City Manager R. Hillard announced the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting on Saturday, March 8th from 10:00am~2:00pm.

*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)

T. Perrigo announced Joe Walker will be at the next networking event this coming Thursday. He also announced the upcoming Allegan Expo on March 22nd at the Silo.

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

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 2, 2014.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk**