



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
Economic Development Corporation  
Griswold Auditorium  
401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010  
Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson L. Stap called the meeting to order at 12:04pm

**II. Attendance**

Present: Lovedia Stap, Jeff McLaughlin, Craig vanMelle, Tim Perrigo, Mike Walsh (arrived at 12:06), Nora Balgoyen-Williams (arrived at 12:07), Rachel McKenzie and Sheila Dever

Absent: Deb Leverage

Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Lori K. Vander Clay

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

C. vanMelle, supported by J. McLaughlin, made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 2, 2014. Motion passed with R. McKenzie abstaining.

**IV. Old Business**

**1. Identify and Prioritize Individual Redevelopment Sites**

City Manager R. Hillard wants to offer information on the City's website of the available city owned and privately owned vacant buildings within the downtown for the benefit of potential developers. The members discussed at length. It was determined to place 155 Brady Street which is controlled/owned by the City, online and continue to evaluate.

**2. Regionalism Model – Article from Jim Hettinger (ACEDC)**

City Manager R. Hillard reviewed. The members would like to have a joint meeting with the Allegan County Economic Development Corporation to discuss further.

**3. Allegan County College Access Network Initiative**

The members reviewed and gave ideas. City Manager R. Hillard will submit.

**4. Positively Allegan Website 2.0 (Check out progress [www.positivelyallegan.org](http://www.positivelyallegan.org))**

City Manager R. Hillard shared with the members.

5. **2014 EDC Goals**

City Manager R. Hillard reminded the members of the goals.

V. **New Business**

Chamber Director T. Perrigo announced on May 28, 2014 representatives from the Michigan Small Business Development Center will be at the Tech Center.

VI. **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)

\*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)

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

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