



**CITY OF ALLEGAN  
Economic Development Corporation  
Griswold Auditorium  
401 Hubbard Street, Allegan MI 49010  
Wednesday, July 1, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Lovedia Stap called the meeting to order at 12:04

**II. Attendance**

Present: Craig vanMelle, Bruce Campbell, Lovedia Stap, Mike Walsh, Tim Perrigo, Rachel McKenzie

Absent: Sheila Dever, Nora Balgoyen-Williams, Marcia Wagner

Others

Present: Robert Hillard, Lori K. Vander Clay

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Craig vanMelle, supported by Bruce Campbell, made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2015, meeting. Motion carried. Rachel McKenzie abstained.

**IV. Old Business**

1. Positively Allegan Update

Rachel McKenzie along with Tim Perrigo explained that they would like to bring this committee back to the grass roots and use more “gorilla marketing tactics”. She would like to make this committee less structured and hopes to re-gain the energy. Rob Hillard stated that he is in full support of this opportunity.

2. Small Business Administration – Capital- Discussion

Lovedia Stap talked about the two SBA programs offered at Chemical Bank.

3. Annual Development Meeting with City Boards – July 27, 2015 – 7:00pm

Rob Hillard explained that multiple boards have been invited to attend the City Council meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The chairperson for each committee will communicate with City Council the committee’s goals and accomplishments.

4. 2015/16 Goals

The committee reviewed their goals.

## **V. New Business**

Rob Hillard announced the Draft Master Plan will be presented to City Council on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rachel McKenzie invited everyone to attend the Grand Opening of the Sow What Community Garden on Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **VI. Minutes and Reports**

The following reports were either provided-discussed or committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

\*Positively Allegan (Rachel)

\*Restructuring Committee (Craig, Mike)

\*Aesthetics Committee (Bruce)

\*Downtown Development Authority (Rachel)

\*Planning Commission (Rob)

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

\*Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce (Tim)

\*Allegan County Economic Development Committee (Nora)

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Lori K. Vander Clay**  
**Deputy City Clerk**