



**CITY OF ALLEGAN**  
**Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**  
**Allegan City Hall**  
**231 Trowbridge Street Allegan MI 49010**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2020**  
**12:00pm**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Chair Lovedia Stap, Vice Chair Craig VanMelle, Peter Hanse (excused), Mike Walsh, Mike Kiella, Tim Perrigo and Kim Munn.

Absent: Peter Hanse

Kiella offered a motion with support from VanMelle to excuse Peter Hanse from today's meeting. Motion carried 6-0

Others Present: Joel Dye- City Manager, Tony McGhee- Abonmarche, Christopher Tapper, City Clerk

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Mike Walsh offered a motion with support from Craig VanMelle to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on December 4, 2019. Motion carried 6-0.

**IV. Public Comment**

None were heard.

**V. Discussion**

**1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

VanMelle offered a motion with support from Walsh to appoint Mike Kiella as Chairperson and Lovedia Stap as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried 6-0.

**2. Discussion regarding Operations of EDC/BRA**

A general discussion ensued regarding the business schedule of the EDC/BRA. Members were in favor of changes to the meeting dates to quarter meeting cycle with the notation

of City Staff keeping the Board members updated with communications via email and newsletters.

Strap offered a motion with support Walsh to approve the EDC/BRA meeting schedule as followed; the first Wednesday of the following months at 12:00, February, May, August and November. Motion carried 6-0

**VI. Member and Staff Comments**

City Manager Dye updated the Committee on potential developments.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Christopher Tapper  
City Clerk**

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**Wednesday, July 1, 2020**  
**12:00pm**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 12:02pm.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Vice Chair Lovedia Stap, Craig VanMelle, Peter Hanse, Mike Walsh, Chair Mike Kiella, Tim Perrigo, and Kim Munn.

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager, Christopher Tapper, City Clerk and Promotions Coordinator, Parker Johnson

**III. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Kim Munn offered a motion with support from Craig VanMelle to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on February 5, 2020. Motion carried 6-0, Hanes abstaining.

**IV. Public Comment**

None were heard.

**V. Discussion**

**1. Continued discussion of Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (current developments, future developments)**

City Manager Dye provided updates to the Committee regarding current proposed Economic Development Plans throughout the City of Allegan. Dye expressed concerns regarding the direction of the Committee and those members of the community who do not support Economic Development Plans in which the City of Allegan is trying to achieve. Dye noted of a letter to the editor in the Allegan County News regarding a proposed Economic Development Plan, which was needed to be stopped. Dye was concerned, that possible projects could not get under way because of bad information being communicated in the media. A general discussion ensued regarding the EDC role with community outreach.

**2. Updates regarding 101 Brady Street**

A general discussion ensued regarding the 101 Brady Street site. What are some of the EDC goal to accomplish with this site? City Council has addressed the importance of a large development on this site. The committee echoed the comments of the City Council and staff. The EDC board agreed, the board needed to be more of an advocate for development of the Allegan Area.

#### **VI. Member and Staff Comments**

City Manager Dye asked the EDC to set goals to accomplish for this year. The topic to be review at the August 5, 2020 meeting. Agenda items to include Identify Problem Areas, Measure Problem Areas and Analysis those Areas.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Christopher Tapper**  
**City Clerk**

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Wednesday, August 5, 2020  
12:00noon**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 12:07pm.

**II. Attendance**

Present: Chair Mike Kiella, Kim Munn, Tim Perrigo, and Mike Walsh

Absent: Peter Hanse, Lovedia Stap, Craig VanMelle

Others Present: Joel Dye, City Manager; Sarah Perrigo, City Manager Intern

**III. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Kim Munn offered a motion with support from Tim Perrigo to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on July 1, 2020. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**IV. Public Comment**

None were heard.

**V. Discussion**

**a. Receive Economic Development Plan from Subcommittee**

Tim Perrigo offered a motion with support from Kim Munn to receive the Economic Development Plan from the Subcommittee. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Chair Mike Kiella expressed a desire to endorse this plan and forward it to the Allegan City Council.

Kim Munn offered a motion with support from Tim Perrigo to endorse this plan and forward the plan to the Allegan City Council. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**b. Discussion of Economic Development Corporation Status and Title**

Chair Mike Kiella discussed overview of formation and purpose of Economic Development Corporations across the State of Michigan; then discussed past functionings of the City of Allegan Economic Development Corporations. Chair Mike Kiella stated feelings that currently the Economic Development Corporation functions as a commission. City Manager Joel Dye and Chair Mike Kiella discussed mechanism, such as City Council joint work session, to discuss purpose of Economic Development Corporation. Joel Dye expressed desire to continue quarterly meetings and remain at the status quo; does not see possibility of Economic Development Corporation acting as a holding company for the foreseeable future.

Mike Walsh expressed concern over simply loading projects onto Joel Dye's workload, and a lack of communication with the community. Discussion of ways to open communication channels with community stakeholders. Discussion of how business networking opportunities hosted by the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce have not been utilized by local businesses; unknown why.

Chair Mike Kiella stated need for housing to feed into education systems and workforce. Kiella synthesizes main idea he has heard as need for listening sessions in conjunction with Lakeshore Advantage to open communication channels.

**c. Initial Discussion of Autumn Economic Summit**

Chair Mike Kiella opened question as to what stakeholders need to be invited to quarterly meetings to open communication channels. General consensus on Greg King from Lakeshore Advantage and the Allegan County Economic Development Corporation. Note of need for education system representative such as Bill Brown. City Manager Joel Dye expressed desire of stakeholders with needed skillsets, not simply an interest in the community.

Discussion of need to disseminate factual information as a committee as a whole. Specifically brought up in response to "infactual" Letters to the Editor regarding 101 Brady Street development opportunities. Mike Kiella expressed desire to continue this discussion and monitor information being sent out in the public eye for factuality.

Discussion of Statement of Investment to explain why investment is needed and what commercial and industrial development is desired in the City of Allegan. Intention of Chair Mike Kiella to structure such a document to send to committee for discussion.

Mike Walsh offered a motion with support by Mike Kiella to request an informal meeting with Allegan County Area Technical Center representatives. **Motion carried 4-0.**

#### **VI. Member and Staff Comments**

Chair Mike Kiella expressed desire to continue considering the meaning of “transformative” in relation to the Economic Development Commission.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55.