

KALAMAZOO COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Thursday January 28, 2010
PLACE OF MEETING: County Administration Building

Present were: Clare Annen, Larry Baumgart, Leroy Crabtree, Marc Hatton, Ken Peregou, Julie Rogers, Matthew VanDyk, Thell Woods
Kalamazoo Township: George Cochran
Staff Support: David Artley, Jeff Hawkins (consultant), Lotta Jarnfelt
Excused: Robert Barnard, Katrina Schuur
Absent: Ruth Blake, Representatives from Augusta and Comstock
Recording Secretary: Lori Pyatt

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Annen at 5:48pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Rogers asked Ms. Pyatt to make note of the excused absences. A motion to approve the December 17, 2009 Minutes as amended was made, supported and approved.

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no comments made.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

There was nothing to approve.

5. REPORT

The Event Center would be reported on later.

6. SELECTION OF LIAISON AND ALTERNATE LIAISON TO THE LAND BANK

Mr. Woods had been elected to the Liaison position, and Mr. Crabtree had been elected to the Alternate Liaison position during the BRA Meeting.

A motion to approve these liaison appointments was made by Mr. Hatton, supported by Mr. VanDyk, and carried unanimously.

7. EVENT CENTER VETTING COMMITTEE (ECVC)

- Mr. Artley stated that a report would be going before the County on the following:
 - would the County General Fund protected in the issuance of recovery zone facility bonds.
 - would the County General Fund be protected in the occurrence of another economic downturn or if the income of the Event Center couldn't meet operating expenses.
- More information would come once the report was made public.
- There would be meeting the following morning 8am at KVCC.
- Discussion ensued on the sustainability of design throughout the entire project, not just the event center. Mr. Artley stated the best place to go on record about these issues was with the County Board.

8. ARCADIA COMMONS WEST PROJECT REPORT

- The Chair of the project accepted the report and felt it was adequate to protect the County General Fund.
- The next step would be to put the question to the voters.
Discussion ensued on what would happen to the Project if the proposal failed.

9. OTHER

-A short discussion was held on the Northside grocery store.

-The group discussed the negative appearances that could arise if they re-opened then later re-closed the grant loan.

10. BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

-Mr. Woods asked the group to be aware that, should the EDC bonds not be used for the center, they should be ready to propose using them an alternative way if the County would allow it.

11. ADJOURNEMNT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Rogers, supported by Mr. Hatton, and was unanimously approved at 6:07pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2010

Respectfully Submitted: LP