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Nederveld Conference Room 6:00pm

Minutes of a Scheduled Meeting of the Allegan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

A scheduled meeting of the Allegan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was called to order by Vice Chair Al Meshkin at 6:05pm on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Roll call showed the following members:

PRESENT: Suzanne Dixon Scott Miller

Al Meshkin David Patchak

Sally Brooks

ABSENT: Mark Evans Steve McNeal

Jeff Balgoyen

Also present: Kevin Ricco, Recording Secretary

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Scott Miller, seconded by Sally Brooks, to approve agenda as mailed. Motion carried by everyone present.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Suzanne Dixon, seconded by Scott Miller, to approve January meetings minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried by everyone present.

CORRESPONSENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

FILLING OF VACANCY

There was nothing new to report. Jeff Balgoyen mentioned at the January meeting he may have names of a couple of other interested parties, but Jeff was not present to discuss these names further.

WORK PLAN

In an e-mail to Kevin, Jeff reported that the revised version of the work plan had not yet come back from the attorney.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS – WEB SITE, BROCHURE

Kevin reported that he had a conversation with Debra Harvey, the County's Web developer, about adding a brownfield Web page to the County's Web site. Debra stated to Kevin that the BRA needs to decide what content it would like to have on the Web page and then we can move forward with the project. Kevin stated that he would put together a list of potential content info and e-mail to the BRA for further input. Once the list is finalized Kevin will work with Debra on putting together the BRA Web site. The development of a brochure would likely be driven by the content of the Web site.

SAUGATUCK HARBOR

Suzanne reported she had a conversation with Jim Saric, Project Manager with the EPA working on the Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, about the possibility of using Superfund clean-up dollars to dredge the Saugatuck Harbor. Mr. Saric stated that at this time Superfund was focused on the area of the river near Plainwell and it would take some time before the focus came far enough down the river to reach Saugatuck. However, he also stated that it might be possible to have a separate negotiation with the PRP's to see if they would be willing to fund the harbor dredging. Mr. Saric also stated that it might be possible to use Legacy Funds to assist with the Harbor dredging.

Suzanne also reported that RJ Peterson, through a permit application made to the DEQ, would like to bulkhead the parcel of property located on the S. side of the river just to the west of Blue Star Highway and then backfill the wetland area to extend the property out further into the river. This permit application is still pending.

MACC GRANT FUNDING

Since the last BRA meeting there have been several back and forth conversations between Allegan County and the MACC regarding the EPA site assessment grant that the MACC was awarded. Since Allegan County is a member of the MACC there is a possibility there will be some grant funds available for site assessments in Allegan County. However, these funds may be restricted to townships in Allegan County that are part of the Macatawa River Watershed (Laketown and Fillmore). There is a meeting tomorrow (2/15) in Laketown Township that will help to determine where these funds will be spent.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business reported.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Scott Miller, seconded by Sally Brooks, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by everyone present and meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Ricco, recording secretary