

**WASHTENAW COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
November 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes
8:00-10:00 am
Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center
4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor**

Committee Members In Attendance: Ruth Ann Jamnick, Amanda Edmonds, Lynne Friman, Todd Clark, Michael Henry, Calvin Evans, Marie Klopff, Leslie Ledbetter, Luke Bonner, and Donna Doleman (representing Paul Krutko, Jr.)

Committee Members Absent: Rose Bellanca, Eric Helber, Brenda Stumbo, Sean Duval, Matt Sandstrom, and Alicia Ping

Ex Officio Members in Attendance: Gregory Dill, Ryan Buck, Doug Fuller

Ex Officio Members Absent: Jerry Clayton, Roy Townsend, Robert Tetens, Felicia Brabec, and Evan Pratt

Staff & Members of the Public: Gene DeRossett, Mary Kerr, Megan Phillips Goldenberg, Stacy Roth, Pat Vaillencourt, Deb Polich, Austin Wertheimer, Melissa Milton-Pung, Anthony VanDerworp, and Andrea Plevak

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Ruth Ann Jamnick called the meeting to order at 8:15 when quorum was reached

2. Approval of Minutes

- Ruth Ann Jamnick requested a motion and support to approve the October meeting minutes
- **Motions:**
 - **Lynne Friman motioned**
 - **Marie Klopff supported**
 - **Unanimously approved**

3. Mini Grant Applications

- **Fermenta “Exploring Winter Malting Barley Production”**
- \$7,260 requested for Winter Malting quality Barley Trials in Washtenaw county to further the growth of the niche grain economy
 - Anthony VanDerworp provided an overview of the application and indicated that a representative from Fermenta, Stacy Roth, and their partnering organization New Growth Associates, Megan Phillips Goldenberg, were available to answer questions.
- **Motions:** approved \$7,260
 - Amanda Edmonds moved to support
 - Luke Bonner seconded
 - Unanimously approved for \$7,260 in funding

- **Manchester DDA “Manchester CBD and Agriculture Development Action Plan”**
- **\$5,500 requested for the development of an Economic Action Plan**
 - Anthony VanDerworp provided an overview of the application and indicated that Pat Vaillencourt a representative from the Manchester DDA was available to answer questions.
- **Motions:** approved \$5,500
 - Todd Clark motioned for approval
 - Leslie Ledbetter seconded
 - Unanimously approved for \$5,500 in funding

4. **Board of Commissioners Joint Working Session Preparation**

- Andrea Plevek and Anthony VanDerworp facilitated a discussion with the EDCC regarding the strategies identified in the Counties Comprehensive Economic Development Plan created in 2010. The following questions were used to spark discussion:
 - **Question:** What are the economic needs that the County should take a role in leading or convening?
 - In general most of the comments touched on the following three general notions:
 - The County needs to be an inspirational leader framing a vision that is larger than the one we currently have
 - Be a leader for all residents and their needs and convene the higher power actors
 - Need a strategic fund for project and program ideas
 - **Question:** How can the EDCC support the County in addressing these economic needs?
 - In general the comments touched on the following general notions
 - EDCC needs to be the Dreamers/ aspirational
 - Provide a framework / filter / lens through which Econ Dev work should be developed
 - Deliver the right “report and message” to the Board so they can react to it and take the lead
 - **Question:** What additional information does the EDCC need to be effective advisors to the County?
 - In general most of the comments touched on the following notions:
 - Models/ Best practices no need to reinvent the wheel
 - Engage with the universities
 - Engage with k-12 education
 - Continue to learn and be informed of county Econ Dev functions and programs
 - **Question:** What other considerations should we take into account for sustained economic development in the County?
 - In general the comments touched on the following notions:
 - Broaden the scope of information and context to inform decision making
 - Narrow Actionable items to 1 or 2 things that will be the most impactful

5. Adjourn

- The meeting was motioned to adjourn at 10:05 am
- Lynne Friman motioned
- Todd Clark seconded
- The meeting was adjourned through general acclimation

Note:

All attachments and presentations provided to the EDCC can be found on the county website <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/edcc>

Attachments:

Minutes
Mini-grants
Minigrants to date
CEDS 2016 update
EDCC PPT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: There are no more EDCC meetings for the 2016 calendar year