

**WASHTENAW COUNTY**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**September 2, 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, Alicia Ping, Lynne Friman, Michael Henry, Eric Helber, Leslie Ledbetter, Sean Duval and Paul Krutko Jr.

**Committee Members Absent:** Brenda Stumbo, Amanda Edmonds, Luke Bonner, Rose Bellanca, Todd Clark, Matt Sandstrom, Calvin Evans and Marie Klopf

**Ex Officio Members in Attendance:** Evan Pratt, Doug Fuller, Roy Townsend Ryan Buck and Gregory Dill

**Ex Officio Members Absent:** Jerry Clayton, Robert Tetens, and Felicia Brabec

**Staff & Members of the Public:** Deb Polich, Mary Kerr, Joe Myers, Kayj Michelle, Lew Kidders, Nathan Voght, Austin Wertheimer, Melissa Milton-Pung, Anthony VanDerworp, and Andrea Plevak

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Ruth Ann Jamnick started the meeting at 8:05. Announced that Conan Smith stepped down as a Washtenaw County Commissioner and that she would fill his role as Chair of the EDCC.
- As quorum was not reached it was agreed upon to begin the infrastructure overviews.

**2. Infrastructure Overviews**

- **Roads & Trails Overview– Roy Townsend, Lew Kidder**
- Roy Townsend is introduced as the Managing Director of the Washtenaw County Road Commission and provided an overview of roads and trails infrastructure funding.
- This included:
  - Public Act 283, a 0.5 millage levied in 2014, 2015
  - Examples of the road and trail improvements made with PA 283 funds
  - Reason a local millage is needed
    - Lack of state funding
    - Failing infrastructure
    - Loss of economic revenues due to failing infrastructure
  - Newly proposed Road & Non-Motorized Millage
    - 0.5 mill, would raise \$7.2 annually
    - Each municipality would receive amount of work matching the amount of funds raised in their community.
    - Vote of the people, Nov. 8 general election
  - Proposed projects for the new millage
- Lew Kidder was introduced as an advocate for Roads and Trail's
  - Lew spoke about his campaign supporting the new Roads millage
- **Water & Sewer Overview – Evan Pratt**
- Evan Pratt the Water Resources Commissioner and Director of Public Works provided an overview of the importance of water management in the county.
- This included:

- A historical account of the importance of water and sewer management for civilizations throughout history due to their health impacts and land usage implications.
- An overview of contemporary water management techniques
- The move towards place making and water management creating efficiencies and dual purpose
- The impact of poor infrastructure on the economy
- Recent and current water management infrastructure improvements
- **Brownfield Redevelopment Overview– Nathan Voght**
- Nathan Voght the County Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator and Economic Development Specialist provided an overview of the Washtenaw County Brownfield program
- This included:
  - History of the Brownfield Authority, and public Act 381
  - Completed brownfield projects
  - Environmental and non- environmental costs and breakdown for the program
  - New tax revenue projections for the brownfield program
  - An overview of the recent Brownfield Program Audit. Including:
    - Job Creation
    - Private Investment
    - Taxable Value
    - Total Eligible Activities to be reimbursed using Tax Increment Financing (Public Investment)
    - Duration of the Brownfield Plan
    - Construction Start/Finish date
    - Overall brownfield effectiveness

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- Quorum was not reached after the scheduled agenda items so the August minutes will be tabled until the next EDCC meeting.

### 4. Mini Grant Applications

#### Riverside Art Center “First Fridays” application -

- This application was tabled as quorum was not reached.
- The EDCC members in attendance requested the chair if it would be appropriate to ask questions of the applicant representative out of respect of their time and attendance.
- The chair agreed. The following was discussed:
  - The budget was reviewed
  - The start date was clarified to be as soon as the necessary funds were acquired
  - A partnership with other community foundations and with Eastern Michigan University to collect and analyze data was discussed.

### 5. Act 88 update

- Anthony VanDerworp provided an overview of the next steps for the Board of Commissioners regarding Act 88
  - Update on the lawsuit against the County regarding Act 88
  - The dates that Act 88 will be discussed by the BOC, September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 6. Discussion, Comments, Questions

- Anthony VanDerworp directed the EDCC's attention to the remaining handouts in the packet.
- This included :
- Addendum to the Ann Arbor Spark RFP response
- VanDerworp directed any questions regarding the CVB items to Mary Kerr the CEO and President of the Washtenaw County CVB
- A CVB report regarding the construction at the Ypsilanti Offices
- The executive summary of the third quarter of the CVB

## 7. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:45am, through general acclimation.
- The Next regularly scheduled EDCC meeting will take place on **Friday, October 7, 2016, 8:00am to 11:00am, in the Michigan Room of the Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center, located at 4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

### 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  
CVB Status Report Ypsilanti Offices  
SPARK RFP addendum  
CVB third quarter report

**Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Friday, October 7, 2016 8-10am**