

**MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
WEDNESDAY MAY 16 2018 – 8:00 A.M.
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair Anhut at 8:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anhut, Beiermeister, Elliott, Hartsock (8:06), Slaughter, Zachos (8:13), Cantor

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Stec, Farmington Hills City Planner, Diane Holcomb, Khalfani Stephens, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 2018
Motion by Elliott, support by Massey to approve the minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Mayor Massey reported that on October 1, 2019 the City plans to close on purchasing the Harrison High School building from the Farmington Public School District. He noted that unlike other places in the metro Detroit area, the Harrison building already has the proper air handling and wet lab space needed for certain tech start-ups. He suggested that the EDC investigate a business model to take on the space as a business incubator.

He noted also that the building has an existing auto-shop and that it is yet to be determined which items the School District would be leaving behind, but the actual space would be there to be programmed by the City's special services department.

Finally he noted that moving the general recreation center activities away from the Costick Center would not only allow for an increase in that programming, but would also allow the staff to focus the Costick Center activities towards seniors.

Mr. Blugerman suggested that the local real estate brokers may be able to support the endeavor

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chari Anhut reported that Bill Hartsock recently received the Nancy Bates award for community service and that Sam Slaughter recently received the Buick dealer of the year award. Also, Terry Diechert was able to receive a variance on her property with support from the EDC.

Mary Martin noted that the Chamber of Commerce changed offices.

Dan Blugerman gave an update on the local real estate market. He noted that the Tobin Group was nearing completion of their new HQ at 10 and Orchard and that a developer was planning to put 30 – 50 homes on the vacant strip of land across from that location. He also noted the Boji group is expected to put 14 homes at the old courthouse site and that the school district is working with Stepping Stone School on a possible purchase of the Stepping Stone property as a new location for the bus yard. IN the City of Farmington, he noted that Grand Café and Bakery was slated to become the newest location for Samurai Steakhouse.

Mark Stec reported on developments throughout the community. Kmart at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile will become a Burlington, Aldi and unspecified pet supply store. Also, the commission will be considering a request to build an assisted living and Self Storage facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zachos and Beiermeister reported that Oakland County has selected a vendor for their connected technology pilot, but aha the name would not be announced for approximately two weeks. It is possible that the pilot will be conducted in Farmington Hills.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

There were none

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 18, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

9:22

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Anhut
Chairman, Economic Development Corporation

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