

APPROVED

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
**Wednesday March 21 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 8:02 AM

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gatewood, Massey

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Martin, Chamber of Commerce; Dan Hunter, Oakland County EDC; Mark Stec, Farmington Hills City Planner; Shawn Chiodo, Andrea & Tylor, Paul Mitchel school, Diane Holcomb, Khalfani Stephens, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Elliott, support by Cantor to approve the agenda  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 2018

Motion by Elliott, support by Cantor to approve the minutes with corrected spelling of names.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dan Hunter spoke about Economic Development activities of Oakland County. In 2017 \$35 million was closed in SBA loans. The County has a partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to support the Main street program, which encompasses about 20 communities. The Economic Development team at Oakland County is approximately 7 people and includes the Medical Main Street, emerging sectors, and MI Career Quest programs. MI Career Quest is looking for approximately 100 businesses to host child learning opportunities on November 28.

Mr. Stephens noted that the City, School district and a few companies have been talking about offering more hands on experience to students interested in the trades.

Mr. Hunter also noted that the County is currently reviewing proposals to help define the how connected vehicle technology can be integrated throughout the county. There was discussion about the City of Farmington Hills also making efforts to be a “hub for connected technology”.

Shawn Chiodo from the Paul Mitchell School noted that their program consists of 1,500 hours of instruction in cosmetology (in line with state mandates). The school has a 100% licensure rate for students taking the state exam and 80% placement rate for graduates. The school accepts Pell grants, and other federal student aid. They currently have 7 employees and are looking for more.

Mark Stec gave an update of items that recently went to the Planning Commission.

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**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Hartsock noted that his practice has moved to Plymouth.

Mr. Zachos and Mr. Beirmeister noted that they have reached out to Tim Meyer, new Deputy County Executive for Economic Development to discuss the connected vehicle marketing for the county and city. There was a discussion over the term "connected".

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 16, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:22

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Anhut  
Chairman, Economic Development Corporation

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