# MEETING MINUTES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION JUNE 19, 2019 8:00 AM FARMIGNTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48336

# CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIRMAN ANHUT AT 8:04 AM.

# MEMBERS PRESENT: ANHUT, CANTOR, ELLIOTT, LINDSEY-FEAGIN, MARTIN

# MEMBERS ABSENT: BEIERMEISTER, HARTSOCK, SLAUGHTER, ZACHOS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Samantha Seimer, Economic Development Director;

# **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Elliott, support by Martin, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 22, 2019:

Motion by Cantor support by Elliott to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

- Chairman Anhut reported that he has been traveling lately for many social occasions including his son's graduation and his 75<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion from the University of Notre Dame.
- In addition, Chairman Anhut has been active in the business community seeking contributions to the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Xemplar Golf Outing which takes place June 26<sup>th</sup> at Farmington Hills Golf Club.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Harrison High School Incubator Space
  - Mr. Cantor provided the Board with an update about the third floor of Harrison High School Incubator Space
    - After conversations with local, state and regional partners, it is believed that the proposed use is complementary in the regional incubator community and there would be good synergy with other facilities.
    - The next step will be to put together a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a consultant to review the space, interview stakeholders and complete a market analysis and feasibility study for the incubator. Mr. Cantor reminded the Board that it is expected that the space will pay for itself.
    - Mr. Cantor's report is attached.
  - Ms. Seimer mentioned that internally there are some zoning challenges with the property that staff is addressing. She added that she has starting drafting the scope of the RFQ and will share with the Board. It is expected to be complete and posted online by September.
  - o Ms. Martin mentioned potential partnerships with Beaumont and their new Health and Wellness Coalition
  - o Mr. Elliott stated that Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) has a healthcare division
  - There was discussion about seeking individuals who may be interested in managing the incubator space. The Board felt that it was too early in the research period to engage individuals in formal discussions,

however after more is discovered through working with a consultant, more serious conversations can emerge about the necessity for a manager and required qualifications.

# **BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS:**

- Ms. Martin said that planning for Founder's Festival is going well. The event will be entirely at Shiawassee Park. The path is going to be regraded due to the recent high amount of rainfall. The event will take place July 18 21.
- The Board determined it was in its interest to postpone the tour of EMH Saline until further notice.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

• Chairman Anhut announced that the next meeting of the EDC will be September 18, 2019 at 8:00 AM. There will be no meetings in July or August

Chairman Anhut adjourned the meeting at 9:03 AM

Minutes drafted by: Samantha Seimer