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MINUTES OF THE EMCOG REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM Approved March 3, 2017

Meeting Date: Friday, January 27, 2017

Meeting Time: **11:45 A.M.**

Location: Andersen Enrichment Center

Address: 120 Ezra Rust Dr. | Saginaw, MI 48601

Attendees:

RED Team	Tracy Byard, Brian Chapman, Zygy Dworzecki, Steve Erickson, Gary Kellan, Pat Killingbeck, Adam Kroczaleski, Kathy Methner, Robert Moffit, Bill Mrdeza, Rosalie Myers, Jerry Nelson, Bob Redmond, Corey Schmidt, Kacey Zehner
EMCOG:	Dave Engelhardt, Jane Fitzpatrick
Guests:	Rex Anslie, MDNR; Robert Belleman, Saginaw County Controller; Eric Luper, Citizens Research Council of Michigan

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

The RED Team meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chair Kathy Methner. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Moved by Zygy Dworzecki to approve the agenda; supported by Steve Erickson; motion carried.

3. Review and Approval of September 9, 2016 RED Team Minutes

Zygy Dworzecki noted a correction to his county affiliation on page 6. A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Zygy Dworzecki and supported by Bob Moffit. Motion carried.

4. Chairperson Updates: Kathy Methner

The Chair reminded those present that if their community is not engaged in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) program by October 1, 2017 it will not be eligible for certain state incentives.

5. “The Prolonged Recovery of Michigan’s Taxable Values: A presentation by Eric Lupher, President of Citizens Research Council of Michigan.

Mr. Lupher began his presentation with a history of the Citizens Research Council (CRC) of Michigan. The CRC started 100 years ago doing analysis of major public policies that impact local governments, school districts etc. and getting the information out to local officials and citizens. The CRC is not a group for hire organization. He then moved into the report and specifically the power point presentation prepared for EMCOG. The study and the data have been adjusted for inflation. EMCOG will obtain the power point presentation and distribute it. The power point and the statewide report can be found at www.crcmich.org.

6. Updates from EMCOG:

6.a. EDA Review of CEDS : Jane Fitzpatrick

There is no update on the status of the EDA review of the EMCOG January 31, 2016 CEDS. Jane gave a brief update of the annual performance update that will be submitted to EDA by the January 31, 2017 due date. The Council approved the submittal of the annual report at its meeting earlier today. It was noted that the RED Team will be reviewing any revisions to the 2016 CEDS once it receives the EDA compliance review of the CEDS. The annual performance review will be distributed and posted on the EMCOG website.

6.b. Target Market Analysis (MSHDA Grant): Jane Fitzpatrick

The study is complete and the Regional Resource document plus complete studies for each of the eight counties (Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw) plus a summary document for each county (3-page summary plus some tables of data) are available on the EMCOG website.

6.c. Transit Mobility: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is a partner for the 2017 Great Lakes Bay Transportation Summit that is happening this afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at SVSU. Fliers were distributed with the agenda packet. Dave Engelhardt is attending the summit and Jane will be going there immediately after the RED Team meeting

6.d. Saginaw Bay Watershed Coastal Storms Project (MI Sea Grant): Jane Fitzpatrick

Kip Cronk has been hired to replace Katy Hintzen, who left in September as the project manager. She is meeting with him in February to plan for moving forward.

6.e. Hazardous Mitigation Plans: Bill Ernat

Bill was unable to attend the meeting. Jane referred to the January 19, 2017 memo from Bill Ernat to the EMCOG Council for the update.

6.f. Iron-Belle Trail Facilitation: Bill Ernat

Bill was unable to attend the meeting; there was no report.

6.g. PR-5 Update: Jane Fitzpatrick

The 2017 application was submitted to the State in November of 2016. EMCOG has not yet received notice from the State regarding funding for 2017.

7. Other: Parking Lot Items

(Discussion items requested by RED Team members and/or guests during the meeting)

No additional items were added for group discussion.

8. Updates from RED Team Members and Guests (Note: due to time constraints many attendees deferred to updates provided at the Council meeting which preceded this RED Team meeting.)

Rex Anslie, MDNR

Rex shared the quarterly newsletter. And noted the work with Gladwin over the past three years that resulted in a positive result as an example of the collaboration of the department with local government.

Jerry Nelson, City of Standish

He noted that he is appreciative of this group and wants to become more involved.

9. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the RED Team the meeting was declared adjourned at 2:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING: March 3, 2017 at the Ogemaw County EDC/Michigan Works, West Branch

2017 RED TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2017	11:45 am	Andersen Enrichment Center Saginaw, MI
March 3, 2017	11:45 am	Michigan Works West Branch, MI
May 5, 2017	11:45 am	Riverwalk Place Gladwin, MI
July 14, 2017	11:45 am	City Hall Council Room East Tawas, MI
September 8, 2017	11:45 am	Tuscola County EDC Caro, MI
November 3, 2017	11:45 am	Roscommon Area District Library Roscommon, MI

RED Team meetings begin at 11:45 a.m. following 10:00 a.m. Full Council meetings. Lunch will be available at the meeting site upon adjournment of the Council meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to participate prior to the start of the RED Team meeting. The lunch cost is \$10.00 per person unless otherwise specified for a particular meeting.

NOTE: Members of the public are always welcome at any EMCOG RED Team meeting.

Meeting Guidelines

- * Participate in good faith, and in an effort to promote collective learning and good communication
- * Be honest, open-minded, and respectful when offering and listening to differing points of view. Disagree judiciously and respectfully.
- * Respect time commitments in the agenda, maintain focus on the issues and objectives at hand.
- * Be mindful of comment length and the importance of encouraging participation from everyone in the group. Agree briefly.
- * Be respectful regarding use of smart phones and other technologies.