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Minutes of the EMCOG REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (RED) TEAM Approved November 3, 2017

Meeting Date: Friday, September 8, 2017

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

Location: Garfield Inn | 8544 Lake Street | Port Austin, MI 48767 | www.thegarfieldinn.com

Attendees:

RED Team	Bob Balzer, Lisa Barna, Tracy Byard ,Zyggy Dworzecki, Steve Erickson, Torrie McAfee, Kathy Methner, Bob Moffit, Bill Mrdeza, Rosalie Myers, Jay O'Farrell, Robert Redmond, Brian Smith, Gary Stefanko, Kasey Zehner
EMCOG	Jane Fitzpatrick
Guests	Brian Burke, MDEQ; Maureen Daughtry, RCTA/MMTC; Sean Hammond, MI Environmental Council; Dylan Hellus, Senator Gary Peters Office; David Merot, U of M Flint EDA University Center; Paula Nas, U of M Flint EDA University Center; Glen Roth, Tuscola Co EDC; Vicky Sherry, Tuscola Co EDC, Ron Smedley, MDEQ;

1. Call to order, Welcome and Introductions

The RED Team meeting was called to order at 12.21 pm by Chair Kathy Methner. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Three items were added to the proposed agenda: New item 6 (MDEQ Brownfield Update, moved from the Council agenda); new item 7.j: MSU EDA University Center Summit; and new item 7.k: EMCOG Technical Assistance for RRC. Zyggy Dworzecki moved and Rosalie Myers supported a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried.

3. Review and Approval of July 14, 2017 RED Team Minutes

A motion to approve the July 14, 2017 minutes as presented was made by Tracy Byard and supported by Zyggy Dworzecki. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Updates: Kathy Methner

Kathy noted that she retired on September 1, 2017. However she will continue on as the RED Team chair through December of 2017;

- 5. Residential Recycling Initiatives: Brian Burke, Recycling and Waste Minimization Specialist, MDEQ**
- Burke noted that MDEQ will be working on a complete re-write of the State's Solid Waste Management Act which is more than 30 years old. The shift in the new plan is a movement to sustainable materials management rather than waste management. MEDQ is hoping for legislative funding to do education and outreach throughout the State as there is not much available right now. Brian works with communities to improve and/or start waste management/recycling best practices. The Michigan recycling rate is one of the lowest in the great lakes area. There currently is a statewide \$500,000 small grant program. Note: the PowerPoint presentation will be available for distribution to the RED Team. The following links provide information: www.michigan.gov/mirecycles and www.michigan.gov/swra (Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Panel).

Mr. Burke and Jane Fitzpatrick also briefly discussed a new initiative within the Region. EMCOG is partnering with and a founding member with others from the private and public sector to initiate a Zero Waste to landfill Consortium. The official name is the Great Lake Bay Zero Waste Consortium. Initial support comes from the MSU University Center for Regional Economic Innovation, and Sustainable Research Group as part of a triple bottom line business model approach to economic and community development. A copy of the 2017 membership application was distributed.

6. MDEQ Brownfield Update: Ron Smedley (Brownfield grant proposal)

Mr Smedley addressed the RED Team regarding a multi-county (4) Brownfield grant proposal that includes the following three counties within the EMCOG Region: Arenac, Iosco and Roscommon. The fourth county is Crawford County. He is asking counties for letters of support for the grant application. Twenty-five percent of grant applications are funded so the letters are important. He noted that there are also other programs available that can do phase 1 and 2 assessment work on specific sites. About five or six of these are done annually. Contact information can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-rrd-ContactSectionList_247031_7.pdf

7. Updates from EMCOG:

7.a. Prosperity Region 5 Mini Grants: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane briefly discussed the grants that were awarded in August: eight grants totally \$100,000. A copy of the press release was included in the agenda packet.

7.b. Regional Water Strategy: Jane Fitzpatrick

The steering committee met in July to begin developing an outline list of watershed priorities, based on our respective agencies and will be sharing drafts through September in preparation for a meeting in October.

7.c. Hazardous Storms/Resiliency Initiative: Jane Fitzpatrick

There is a change in the timeline this project as the project manager has left. EMCOG is working with MSU Extension to keep this project going and hire a new manager. The hiring schedule is the same as a year ago (when the latest project manager was hired) with the intent to have someone 'on board' by the end of January.

Progress to date has been made based on RED Team prioritization of strategies at the May 5th meeting in Gladwin:

Four Fact Sheets will soon be ready for release.

1. Awareness of extreme storms in the Saginaw Bay Watershed and their impacts to public health, community safety and economic stability
2. Tools to assess risks to critical infrastructure from extreme storms in the Saginaw Bay Watershed (NOAA Digital Coast, Cities Impact & Adaptation Tool, etc)
3. Tools to assist communities in the Saginaw Bay watershed with stormwater management for extreme storms (MI best management practice manual, MI low impact development manual, Community flood rating system)
4. Tool to assist communities in the Saginaw Bay watershed with accurate forecasting for flooding and high winds during extreme storms.

A webinar will be developed for each of the 4 fact sheets. Feedback will then be part of the basis for a conference to be held in the early spring of 2018 (delayed from December so that the new project manager can have some time on the project). The conference may piggy back a workshop/public meeting with NOAA on a project that has been funded in our region to do some storm event modeling.

7.d. State of the Bay 2017 Conference, September 27, 2017: Jane Fitzpatrick

There is still time to register through September 20th but the early bird \$25.00 has expired and the cost is now \$35.00 which includes lunch. There are about 140 registered as of September 7th. The reception cruise on the Tall Ship Appledore is full with a waiting list. The agenda is being tweaked a bit regarding time for the keynote speaker (longer) lunch (longer) and some of the sessions will be at the Double Tree and some at the Delta Planetarium across the street. www.stateofthebay2017.org

7.e. Hazardous Mitigation Plans:

Jane Fitzpatrick referred attendees to the Bill Ernat September 6, 2017 memo to the EMCOG Council re: Special Projects Update.

7.f. Iron-Belle Trail Facilitation:

Jane Fitzpatrick referred attendees to the Bill Ernat September 6, 2017 memo to the EMCOG Council re: Special Projects Update.

7.g. Regional Transit Mobility:

Jane referred the attendees to the September 7, 2017 handout "2017 EMCOG Transportation Planning Update" prepared by Dave Engelhardt.

7.h Regional Non-Motorized Plan and Maps:

Jane referred the attendees to the September 7, 2017 handout "2017 EMCOG Transportation Planning Update" prepared by Dave Engelhardt.

7.i. 21st Century Michigan Infrastructure Asset Management Advisory Board: Jane Fitzpatrick

Jane missed the August 30th meeting due to her attendance at the EDA Region 5 University Centers Showcase in Chicago. Nothing has been posted yet from that meeting. The next meeting is in October.

7.j. MSU EDA University Center for Regional Economic Innovation Summit: Jane Fitzpatrick

This is the MSU EDA University Center summit. A handout for the event was distributed. The registration cost is \$35.00 and is open through September 13th. The event is Friday, September 15th from 1 – 6 pm with a reception until 7:30 pm at the MSU Kellogg center. Jane will be part of a presentation on our regional triple bottom line model initiative and the zero waste to landfill consortium that is part of this initiative (see agenda item 5 above).

7.k. EMCOG Technical Assistance for Redevelopment Ready Communities: Jane Fitzpatrick

EMCOG is under contract with MEDC to provide technical assistance to qualified Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) within the 14 county EMCOG Region. A copy of the scope of work was provided as a meeting handout. The technical assistance will be provided as requested by communities that have received their RRC Report of Findings and have successfully completed the first quarterly progress report. The MEDC RRC planners will work with an eligible community to identify technical assistance needs and then will contact EMCOG to discuss a scope of work and services to be provided.

8. Other: Parking lot Item (Discussion items requested by RED Team members and/or guests during the meeting)

No additional items were added for group discussion.

9. Updates from RED Team Members and Guests:

Bob Moffit, City of Gladwin

Mirror Dog Productions has been filming scenes in the City of Gladwin for a 2017 “Urban Myths” movie. The following is a link to the production:

http://www.imdb.com/search/title?locations=1400%20N.%20Spring%20Street%20Gladwin,%20Michigan,%20USA&ref=ttloc_loc_3

10. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the RED Team the meeting was adjourned by Chair Kathy Methner at 1:35 pm/

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 3, 2017 at 11:45 a.m. Roscommon Area District Library

2017 **RED TEAM** MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	TYPE	TIME	LOCATION
January 27, 2017	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Andersen Enrichment Center Saginaw, MI
March 3, 2017	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Michigan Works West Branch, MI
May 5, 2017	Full RED Team	11:45 am	Riverwalk Place Gladwin, MI
July 14, 2017	Full RED Team	11:45 am	City Hall Council Room East Tawas, MI
September 8, 2017	Full RED Team	11:45 am	The Garfield Inn Port Austin, MI
November 3, 2017	Full RED Team	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.