

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION/
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2012,**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Lusk (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of our former Chairperson, David Davis.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Lusk welcomed a new member to the board, Brett Lenart.

Present: J. Lusk
B. Furman
R. Smith
B. Lenart

Staff Teresa Gillotti – City Planner
Marilou Uy, Financial Director
Nan Schuette, Exec. Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 20, 2011

Commissioner Furman moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2011 (Support: R. Smith) and the motion carried 4:1. Brett Lenart abstained.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lusk asked Ms. Gillotti to follow-up on the piece of property in the Industrial Park formerly owned by the Economic Development corporation to confirm that it had been transferred to the Industrial Park Association. Commissioner Lenart also asked that Ms. Gillotti check into ownership of two properties on Railroad Street.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nomination of Officers

Commissioner Lusk agreed to be nominated as Chairperson with Commissioner Lenart as Vice-Chair. Both accepted the nomination with the approval of the other board members.

B. Water Street

Ms. Gillotti gave board members an update on the Water Street property. At the current time, the City is in discussion with Washtenaw County to complete an agreement to build a recreation center on one portion of the property on Michigan Avenue. Since no taxes will be involved, the County has agreed to undertake some infrastructure at the location. At this time, no final decisions have been made. She also noted that we are using a part of the property, the former Gilbert Park on the southeast, as a tree nursery. Funds were received through a grant and at this time, 348 trees have been planted. They will eventually be used at various locations in the City.

B. Approval of EDC/BRA Budget

Ms. Uy, Finance Director, reviewed both the Brownfield Authority and Economic Development budgets responding to questions by board members. Commissioner Lenart moved to approve the budgets for both Economic Development and Brownfield Authority (Support: B. Furman) and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Update on Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Commissioner Lenart gave an update on the latest information on various Brownfield projects in the City as well as the complete County. He referred to the 2011 Annual Report on the Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Program that is on the County website.

D. Continuation of the EDC/BRA

Some discussion was held on the possibility of disbanding the EDC/BRA but no decision was made at this time. More research will be done, after

which time; another meeting may be scheduled this year to make a final decision. Ms. Gillotti will contact the City Attorney, John Barr, for an opinion if this is possible and if so, what steps would need to be taken.

- VI.** Since there was no further business, Commissioner Lenart moved to adjourn the meeting (Support: B. Furman) and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.