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Economic Development Committee
Minutes
December 8, 2010

The DeKalb County Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 5:30p.m., in the Legislative Center's Freedom Room. Chairman Pat Vary called the meeting to order. Members present were Bob Brown, Julia Fauci and Jeff Whelan. Mr. Oncken and Mr. Metzger, Sr., were absent. Mr. Borek was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Fauci, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from November, 2010.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Vary asked to add 6c.) Next Meeting Date to the agenda.

Moved by Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Brown, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Vary mentioned that she would be getting in touch with past chairman Eileen Dubin about what she and Jenny Tompkins were working on with regards to grant writing. She was also going to check with her regarding Phase III of Dr. Gleeson's report.

Chairman Vary asked the committee if they wanted to keep the Economic Development Committee on the same date and time? They all agreed to keep the meeting on the 2nd Wednesday @ 7:00p.m.

Chairman Vary then gave the committee a list of abatement questions that the committee had developed to ask new companies requesting abatements in June of 2007. She felt this material was good for the committee to have for when the committee is interviewing a company for an abatement because these are the kind of questions that we would need to ask. She said that if anyone wanted to add or subtract from this list to please bring them to the next committee meeting in February.

Riley Oncken arrived at 5:37p.m.

Chairman Vary then passed out a suggestion that encourages green practices in development for sustainability, energy conservation and future efficient practices. She

explained that she would like the committee to think about the suggestion and the points that she makes on the handout and that the committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MONTHLY REPORT – MR. PAUL BOREK

Mr. Borek said that Smart Motion Robotics will be moving into their new building was built in 13 weeks. He also said that his office is seeing an uptake in inquiries from new prospects. He mentioned that SK Tools is almost complete with their new building. They built this new, 130,000 square foot facility in 13 weeks. Elgiloy, located in the Sycamore Business Park is expanding their space again in Sycamore. They deal with metal alloys. The committee then asked Mr. Borek to please make copies of his monthly report for the committee.

The committee thanked Mr. Borek for his informative report.

SMALL BUSINESS EXPO UPDATE – Julian Magdaleno

Ms. Supple said that Mr. Magdaleno will email out his summary of the Small Business Expo that was held in November 2010 since he is not present this evening.

WORKING WITH NIU – Mary Supple

Ms. Supple said that 3 professors talked with her at the EXPO about having someone from this committee speak to their classes at NIU about the the Small Business Initiative and Expo. They would like us to speak to them about how the County could help graduates start their own companies here in DeKalb County. What do they need to help them to achieve this? What quality of life items would they like here to keep them here, etc. One idea that was brought up was the possibility of the County and NIU holding a joint Small Business Expo involving just college students

Chairman Vary said that she would contact with Lynn Neeley at NIU to see how the two entities could work together and help those college graduates who would like to stay in the DeKalb area after they graduate and start their own small businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Whelan, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Vary, Chairman

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