

Van Buren Charter Township  
Downtown Development Authority  
Monday, March 22, 2010

Chairman Dolph called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Members present-Chairman Dolph, Secretary Zoller, Director Bechtel, Director Bird, Director Blank, Director Laginess, Director Richter, Director Suliman and Supervisor White. Members absent and excused-Vice Chair Atchinson and Director DeLibera. Others in attendance: DDA Executive Director Ireland, Recording Secretary Stevenson and an audience of (3) three.

Agenda: Motion Blank, Support Bechtel to approve the DDA agenda of Monday, March 22, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Minutes: Motion Bechtel, Support Laginess to approve the DDA minutes of Tuesday, January 19, 2010 as presented. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1). Consider request from the Trade & Industry Development: The Directors discussed the proposal from the publication Trade & Industry Development. DDA Executive Director Ireland stated that we are starting to receive requests from a variety of other publications. It was discussed and decided to direct Executive Director Ireland to research the idea of using the services of a Media Planner for advertising.

REPORTS:

1). Franklin Wind Energy: Executive Director Ireland distributed a report that stated this would not be a cost effective venture at this time.

2). Ford Land-Director Blank: Director Blank discussed the conversation he had with John Davis regarding land acquisition. Executive Director Ireland will put together workable times and dates for a conference call with Director Swallow, Supervisor White, Director Blank, Director Ireland and Ford Land Personnel.

3). Belleville/Ecorse Rd. Intersection: David Nummer, Engineer, Matt Stacy, Transportation Engineer and Martin Parker, Senior Traffic Engineer from Wade-Trim presented to DDA Members the Preliminary Engineering Report for Belleville/Ecorse Rd.

Intersection Improvements. DDA Members were very impressed with the report and complimented Wade-Trim on their work. The report covered in detail both the Boulevard and the Roundabout alternative. Each member was given the opportunity to direct their specific questions to the engineers.

Motion Blank, Support Suliman to direct Wade Trim to present their report to Wayne County Department of Public Services, Engineering Division. Carried.

Communications: Director Bechtel reported that he will be in attendance at Semcog's annual meeting.

Chairman Dolph reported that the Van Buren Board of Trustees recently reappointed Director Blank, Director Bechtel and Chairman Dolph to another 4 year term.

Motion Richter, Support Blank to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda M. Stevenson  
Recording Secretary