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CITY OF KALAMAZOO  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 - 7:30 a.m. • Southwest Michigan Innovation Center

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerri Barnett-Moore; Jill Bland; Joan Dombrowski; Kenneth Harnden; Laura Kayser; Jim Marquardt; Bob Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Collins; Alexander Lee; Roselyn Zator

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (Executive Director of the EDC); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Tonya Sloan (Administrative Secretary); Rob DeWit (SMIC); Doug Phillips

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Marquardt

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MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Sloan reported that Mr. Collins and Mr. Lee had indicated that they would be absent. Ms. Barnett-Moore moved to excuse those members; supported by Ms. Bland. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mr. Miller moved approval of the agenda; supported by Ms. Kayser. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009: Ms. Kayser moved approval of the minutes; supported by Mr. Harnden. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009: Mr. Kisscorni reviewed the financial statements. Mr. Miller moved approval of the financial statements; supported by Mr. Harnden. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENTS

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY ROGOWSKI TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM (TO 2013) OF GRADY BIBY: Mr. Kisscorni stated that we sent letters to the county and Kalamazoo Public Schools asking them to appoint replacements for expired or vacant board seats. The county responded and indicated that they would like Mr. Rogowski, who is a CPA, to take Mr. Biby's place on the board. Once the appointment is approved by the LDFEA, it will go to the City Commission for final approval. Ms. Bland moved that the board recommend to the City Commission the appointment of Mr. Rogowski; supported by Mr. Harnden. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE APPOINTMENT OF DOUG PHILLIPS

**REPRESENTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:** Mr. Kisscorni stated that Mr. Marquardt is now term-limited off of the board. He was originally the EDC's representative to the LDFA board, although Mr. Miller has been representing both the EDC and WMU in recent years. The EDC has recommended that Mr. Phillips, who is the director of business development for Skanska, be appointed as their representative to the board. Ms. Barnett-Moore moved that the board recommend the appointment of Mr. Phillips; supported by Ms. Kayser. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JILL BLAND:** Ms. Barnett-Moore moved that the board recommend the reappointment of Ms. Bland; supported by Mr. Miller. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A ONE-TERM EXTENSION FOR ROBERT MILLER TO SERVE ON THE LDFA BOARD:** Mr. Marquardt stated that the Executive Committee recommends that Mr. Miller be reappointed for a one-term extension. Mr. Kisscorni indicated that Mr. Miller is also term-limited off of the board, but because he markets the park it was felt that he needed to continue as a board member. Ms. Kayser moved that the board recommend a one-term extension for Mr. Miller; supported by Ms. Bland. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE BOB MILLER AS CHAIR, KEN HARNDEN AS VICE-CHAIR AND JILL BLAND AS SECRETARY/TREASURER FOR THE 2010-2011 PROGRAM YEAR:** Mr. Marquardt indicated that the Executive Committee met and recommends the officers as noted. Ms. Barnett-Moore moved approval of the officers; supported by Ms. Kayser. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

Mr. Marquardt turned control of the meeting over to Mr. Miller.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**SMIC UPDATE:** Mr. DeWit stated that a large local CRO has begun leasing space in the SMIC, and will continue to do so until their new building in Battle Creek is finished. Southwest Michigan First and the SMIC are working together to create marketing materials for their visit to Bio International in Chicago. Nanovir has obtained additional federal funding. RealBio has moved into the SMIC. Utility costs are under budget this year, and everything in the facility is working extremely well. He attended the ACE meeting in Ann Arbor, and on May 26 will meet with the Van Andel Research Institute to discuss collaboration. Some cash for special initiatives and a donation from the Van Andel Research Institute will be used to open a core life sciences laboratory.

**BTR PARK UPDATE:** Mr. Miller provided the board members with a copy of an economic impact study on the BTR Park. He also did an analysis this spring on the student impact. There have been over 100 student internships so far, 132 WMU graduates work for the companies, and two companies were founded by WMU students. Three new companies have been added to the park in

the last 90 days. Fluid Process Equipment is erecting a solar array along US-131. Students will be involved, and there will be a kiosk there that will show how much energy is being generated. The light posts in the park are rusting, but Consumers Energy has said that they cannot maintain them. An agreement has been reached whereby WMU will donate the paint and student volunteers will paint the light posts. WMU is working with Adams Outdoor Advertising to replace the billboard along US-131, and it looks like that will be a digital billboard. The annual bicycle race at the BTR Park will be held in July.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Mr. Kisscorni stated that Pfizer announced yesterday that the City of Kalamazoo will not lose any manufacturing jobs. The city was also able to retain Parker Hannifin. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is working with The Hinman Company on a project at Burdick and Walnut, and with the People's Food Co-op on a potential project on a brownfield site. Ms. Bland noted that they are seeing inquiries pick up slightly. At a recent corporate real estate conference, Kalamazoo was highlighted as one of 36 emerging research and development centers in the United States.

#### COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Miller announced that the next board meeting will be held on November 17, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:15 a.m.

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Tonya Sloan, Recording Secretary

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Bob Miller, Chair