

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
January 21, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Collins, supported by Engle, to approve the minutes of November 19, 2009, meeting with one revision. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/01 - 01 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to authorize that the following financial contributions be made and that the funds be utilized from the CVB's Community Promotions (902020) line item: Muskegon Chamber of Commerce/White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce joint film project - \$2,000.00; Muskegon Main Street - \$1,000.00; Muskegon Summer Celebration - \$500.00 to be spent on marketing by the CVB to promote the event; Muskegon Winter Sports Complex - \$1,200.00 to be spent on marketing by the CVB to promote the complex. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Muskegon County Board of Commission Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee meeting of February 18, 2010, is cancelled.

Posted: February 17, 2010

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
March 18, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/03 - 02 It was moved by Nash, supported by Engle, to authorize the County Administrator to apply for a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, under the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities program, to provide needed water distribution for the proposed fortu high technology battery plant. Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/03 - 03 It was moved by Collins, supported by Engle, to approve the financial contributions be made and that the funds be utilized from the CVB's Community Promotions (902020) line item: Muskegon Heights "Festival in the Park" - \$3,000.00; The Association of Concert Bands 2011 National Convention Committee - \$500.00; the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant - \$3,00.00. Motion Carried.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Muskegon County Board of Commission Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee meeting of April 15, 2010, is cancelled.

Posted: April 13, 2010

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
May 20, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Louis McMurray, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Lewis Collins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Snider, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/05 - 04 It was moved by Engle, supported by Nash, to schedule two informational sessions regarding proposed wind turbine projects: one on Wednesday, June 2nd from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Oakridge High School and one on Thursday, June 3rd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Reeths-Puffer High School Rocket Centre and to authorize staff to publish the appropriate notices. Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/05 - 05 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Nash, to authorize the Muskegon County Parks Superintendent to sign the monthly reports to MDNRE for continued compliance with the Groundwater Discharge Permit issued by MDNRE for Pioneer Park. Motion Carried.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Muskegon County Board of Commission Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee meeting of June 17, 2010, is cancelled.

Posted: June 15, 2010

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
July 15, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 4th Floor
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: James Derezinski, Louis McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Scolnik, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATION

Kent-Ottawa-Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone

Ms. Sonja Johnson, Executive Director, Van Andel Global Trade Center; Mr. Ken Rizzio, Executive Director, Ottawa County Economic Development; Mr. Ed Garner, President & CEO, Muskegon Area First; and John Zevalkink, CEO, Columbia Logistics Network presented information to the Board on the Kent-Ottawa-Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone activities. They discussed the benefit of utilizing the General Purpose Zone which provides space for multiple users to conduct their trade related activities, often at substantial cost savings. They also presented information regarding the Foreign Trade Subzones which are single purpose sites for operations which meet the public interest test established.

The Foreign Trade Zone members were thanked for their informative presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kim Eikenberry addressed the Board and asked for consideration in re-establishing seasonal camping fees at Blue Lake Township Park. Ms. Hammersley, County Administrator, will meet with Ms. Eikenberry to further investigate her request.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

MEETING CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Muskegon County Board of Commission Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee meeting of August 19, 2010, is cancelled.

Posted: August 17, 2010

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
September 16, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Whitehall City Hall
Whitehall, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezenski, Marvin Engle, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Bill Gill, Louis McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

PRESENTATION

Merit Network, Inc. - Fiber Optic Update

Ms. Therese Carew, Member Relations Manager, of Merit Network, Inc., presented information regarding Merit's fiber optics projects. She noted in 2010, Merit Network and its project partners were awarded a \$3.3 million grant from funds allocated through the American Recovery and Investment Act to create a 1,017 mile open-access network in Michigan's lower peninsula. Seven months later, Merit and its partners were awarded funding to build 1,270 miles of fiber optic infrastructure in the northern lower and upper peninsulas of Michigan. Merit's portion of the fiber will allow state and local governments, universities, schools, libraries, healthcare facilities and other anchor institutions to connect to Merit's private, high-performance network, which will allow for lower costs and consolidated services.

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
October 21, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill
[arrived at 3:35 p.m.] Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I.
John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Louis McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Collins, supported by Engle, to approve the minutes of September 16, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/10 - 08 It was moved by Engle, supported by Mahoney, to approve the Muskegon County Convention and Visitors Bureau's Fiscal Year 2011 Marketing Plan/Budget as presented. Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/10 - 09 It was moved by Collins, supported by Derezinski, to accept the Muskegon Chronicle's Voluntary Alternative 2011 Official Muskegon County Visitor's Guide Proposal along with the Alternate Depot to Depot Flysheet Proposal. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CD/SP10/10 - 10 It was moved by Nash, supported by Gill, to accept the percentages provided as qualified numbers regarding local bidding preference.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Gill, Nash, Buzzell

Nays: Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Mahoney, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

Motion Defeated.

CD/SP10/10 - 11 It was moved by Snider, supported by Engle, to support a Proclamation that Sunday, November 21, 2010, be proclaimed as "Greater Muskegon Bowling Hall of Fame Day". Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/10 - 12 It was moved by Gill, supported by Nash, to support a Tribute to Mr. and Mrs. I John Snider, II, on their recent wedding anniversary of 53 years. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
November 18, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Marvin Engle, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Louis McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Buzzell, supported by Derezinski, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/11 - 13 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Buzzell, to authorize the County Administrator and staff to determine the feasibility of funding strategies to accomplish the vision of Blue Lake Township in meeting its goals in the Blue Lake Township Community Recreation Plan, 2006-2011. Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/11 - 14 It was moved by Nash, supported by Mahoney, to approve a loan through the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand and 00/1000 (\$65,000) Dollars for a maximum term of five (5) years contingent upon the award of the federal contract and to authorize the Chair to execute the necessary documents.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Buzzell, Collins, Derezinski, Engle, Mahoney, Nash, Scolnik, Snider, Wade

[Commissioner Gill not present for vote]

Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/11 - 15 It was moved by Derezinski, supported by Nash, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement with Signature Associates to provide real estate services to the County of Muskegon.
Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/11 - 16 It was moved by Engle, supported by Collins, to authorize staff to solicit bids for a new utility work vehicle for the Parks to replace the Toro Workman with costs to be paid from the Parks fund, 2080-0691.
Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/11 - 17 It was moved by Mahoney, supported by Snider, to authorize staff to solicit bids for the replacement of the roof on the Pioneer Park lodge building with associated costs being paid from the Parks fund, 2080-0691.
Motion Carried.

CD/SP10/11 - 18 It was moved by Snider, supported by Collins, to authorize the Chairperson to sign the Agreement with the Community Foundation for Muskegon County to provide non-profit support services to the Cruising the Lakeshore-Muskegon Fund. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Buzzell discussed the County Parks. He encouraged Commissioners to promote these parks in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning
December 16, 2010
3:30 p.m.
Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace
Muskegon, MI**

Roger Wade, Chair

Bill Gill, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Wade at 3:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Charles Buzzell, Lewis Collins, James Derezinski, Bill Gill, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash, Bob Scolnik, I. John Snider, Roger Wade

Excused: Marvin Engle, Louis McMurray

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Collins, supported by Mahoney, to approve the minutes of November 18, 2010, meeting as written. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CD/SP10/12 - 19 It was moved by Snider, supported by Mahoney, to approve the resolution of support for the West Michigan Pike/US 31 becoming a designated heritage route. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Derezinski spoke of the upcoming Power Tour. He noted with the number of vehicles expected, he may be coming forward to the Board with requests for County-owned property usage and trolley service. He advised discussion now is in the prelim planning stages and further information would be coming.

Ms. Jill Emery, Convention and Visitors Bureau, noted additional lots and parking would be needed to accommodate these vehicles.

Commissioner Mahoney asked if someone was working with the City of Muskegon in obtaining permits, etc. Ms. Emery advised the promoter of the Power Tour is very experienced in this type of event and has been working closely with the City of Muskegon.

All were advised the next meeting of the Power Tour planning group will be held December 29th at 9:00 a.m. at the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On a new topic)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.