I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

II. Attendance

Present: Chair Lovedia Stap, Vice Chair Craig VanMelle, Tim Perrigo, Mike Kiella, Mike Manning, and Kim Munn

Absent: Mike Walsh

Others Present: Jordan Meagher- Community Development Coordinator, Joel Dye- City Manager, Tony McGhee- Abonmarche

III. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Mike Kiella, supported by Kim Munn, made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting on August 7, 2019. Motion carried 5-0. Mike Manning abstained due to absence.

IV. Public Comment

None were heard.

V. Discussion

1. EPA Brownfield Grant Update

Community Development Coordinator Jordan Meagher provided an update on the City’s EPA Brownfield Grant. So far, the grant has funded environmental assessments at 209 Hubbard, 221 Trowbridge, 106/110 Locust, 152 Mill District, and 155 Mill District. Staff just recently submitted paperwork to receive funding for assessments at 109 Locust, 113 Locust, and 114/116 Locust.

After some discussion, the EDC directed staff to look into applying for funding for the former laundromat located on M-89, as well as the county-owned parking lot located on the corner of Water and Cutler Streets.
2. Economic Development Strategy Update

Staff, along with the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee consisting of Mike Kiella and Tim Perrigo (Mike Walsh was absent) provided an update on the City’s Economic Development Plan. So far, the group had conducted a SWOT Analysis of the City’s economic strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Staff has also begun collecting data to provide a snapshot of Allegan’s current economic conditions. The plan will focus its attention on the 49010 zip code, and will also include other local assets that contribute to the Allegan Economy, including the State Game Area and Bittersweet Ski Resort.

The committee will be working on finalizing a vision statement for the plan, as well as some starting goals with action steps.

VI. Member and Staff Comments

None were heard.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Meagher
Community Development Coordinator

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