

# FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES

#### SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street

The meeting was called to order at 8:17a.m. by President Andrade.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Andrade, Buck, Greer, Key, Murphy, Platzke

ABSENT: Gallagher, Galvin, Higgins

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Donohue, Main Street Oakland County

Alexandru Hritcu, Main Street Oakland County

Annette Knowles, Asst. to City Mgr.

This special meeting was conducted as part of the annual evaluation of the Farmington DDA's Main Street Program by representatives from Main Street Oakland County.

A discussion was held concerning the volunteer base for the DDA.

A discussion was held concerning events and the disposition of the Downtown Farmington Founders Festival. The board is now able to focus more directly on business development and retention.

A discussion was held concerning the Orchards-Phase II and County resources that may be available. This led to more discussion on property ownership and redevelopment in the downtown.

Some highlights of the 2013 year include the Riley Park Ice Rink, the opening of Los Tres Amigos and the Downtown Business Promotion Sponsorship Program.

A discussion was held concerning efforts to build better relationships with merchants, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

A discussion was held concerning freeway access to the downtown, specifically from M-5 at Farmington Road. A discussion was held concerning the accessibility and lack of appropriate signage of Downtown Farmington from other intersections.

A topic for a future newsletter might be businesses supporting other businesses.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

None

## <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Buck departed the meeting at 9:15a.m.

Seeing that no quorum was present, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15a.m.

Respectively submitted,

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Annette Knowles, Executive Director