

**CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
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REGULAR MEETING

THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Minutes

**Thursday, April 28, 2016
7:30 AM**

Present (F): King, Scott, Carron, Thomas, Graham

Present (FH): Brazzle, Brown, Genjar

Others present: Kevin Christiansen, Economic and Community Development Director, Farmington; Khalfani Stephens, Economic Development Director, Farmington Hills

1. Call to Order

7:40 AM

2. Approval of Agenda

Move Brown, Second Brazzle

All Ayes: Motion approved

3. Approval of minutes

No minutes approved

4. Officers' Reports

None

5. Rouge River final presentation

The Students from the University of Michigan provided a powerpoint presentation of their findings from the project. The CIA will continue to work with both Farmington and Farmington Hills to determine how/ if to implement suggestions from the report.

6. USDA grant update

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Mr. Stephens went over the results of the USDA study with the joint board. He explained that retail management is not his area of expertise and that the study showed the project would have difficulty with profitability even with generous assumptions. The board decided that the best option was to share the findings with potential non profit partners such as Forgotten Harvest or Beaumont (Botsford) in hopes that they would be interested in picking up the project. It was also discussed that if done correctly, the project could be a good incubator space for food production companies.

7. Board Members' Comments

None

8. Public Comments

None

9. Adjourn

9:20 AM

Prepared by:

Khalfani Stephens, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director

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