

**MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
December 16, 2015 – 8:00AM
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS– COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI
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CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chair John Anhut at 8:15 am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anhut, Hartsock, Gatewood, Sarafa, and Zachos

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elliott, Jacknow, Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Khalfani Stephens, Economic Development; Diane Holcome, Citizen; Martin Manna, Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce.

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
3	APPROVAL OF AGENDA		Move: Hartsock Second: Sarafa All Ayes Motion Carried
4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES September 16, 2015 October 21, 2015		Move: Zachos Second: Hartsock All Ayes Motion Carried
5	AGENDA ITEM: Guest Speaker	Martin Manna, President of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation on Chaldeans in America. The presentation briefly covered the history of the community in Metro Detroit and also some highlights of the culture. It also noted the high rate of entrepreneurship among the community.	
6	AGENDA ITEM: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT	Mr. Anhut asked Mr. Stephens to report on current activities in the City. Mr. Stephens reported that he was currently working with an existing company and company in Canada on a joint venture expansion to hopefully be located in Farmington Hills. He also noted that Mr. Anhut noted that the funds of the organization were still low and that there would be further discussion during the treasurer's report. He also noted that he would provide a history of activity at the next meeting. Mr. Anhut asked Mr. Stephens to send out a schedule of next year's meeting dates.	
7	AGENDA ITEM: NEW /OLD BUSINESS	None	

8	AGENDA ITEM: COMMITTEE REPORTS:	None	
8	AGENDA ITEM: TREASURER'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER, 2015	Mr. Anhut presented the report and Mr. Zachos asked what the organization would do with funding were it available. Mr. Sarafa noted that he would like to see the City fund the organization. Ms. Gatewood asked for a history of funding received by the EDC from the City of Farmington Hills. Mr. Massey noted that he believed there was a line item for the EDC in the City budget, but that he would have to do more research as to the amount allocated to the item and the intended purpose of the funding. There was general discussion as to the mission of the EDC and how new funding would be spent. It was generally agreed that goal setting session needed to take place before much effort was put into raising additional funding, but that once goals were set, the organization did need to find new funds. No motion to accept report	
	AGENDA ITEM: Election of Officers	Mr. Hartsock suggested that the current slate of officers be re-elected. Mr. Stephens noted that Mr. Brock was currently the secretary and that the proposed motion would therefore leave an opening in a position. There was general discussion about who would be willing to fill the position. Mr. Stephens noted that he had spoken with Mr. Elliott and that he stated he would be willing to serve as Secretary. There were no nominations or volunteers for a vice. Cahir.	Motion: Sarafa Second: Gatewood Anhut for Chair, Jacknow for Treasurer, Elliot for Secretary All ayes Motion carried
9	AGENDA ITEM: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS	See Treasurer's report	
10	AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments.	
11	ADJOURNMENT	Next meeting set for February 17.	Chair Anhut adjourned the meeting at 9:30am
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Khalfani Stephens, Economic Development Director	