

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 25, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Bob Cahill, Wanda Clegg, Greg Federline, Donald O'Brien, Joe Marotti, Barbara Revels, Jim Ulsamer, Frank Zedar

Members Absent: Mike Gill

Staff Present: Helga van Eckert, Director
Katrina Austin, Project Manager
Lili Tuggle-Weir, Marketing Specialist
Alyssa Hull, Intern

Call to Order: Chairman, O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

1. **Roll Call:** A silent roll call was taken.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** September 27, 2017
Adopted
3. **Partner Presentations**
Jane Fifer, President, VMA

Ms. Fifer addressed the EOAC regarding the VMA thirteen-point manufacturing education program. She reviewed each of the points, the implementation of those points and how each of the points help to solve issues relative to the skilled labor shortage.

4. **Executive Director Report**

Ms. van Eckert reported on the following:

- Sun and Surf Magazine Article
- Events
 - IEDC Recovery Emergency Program – 10.30.17
 - America's Competitiveness Exchange – 12.6.17
- Projects
 - Tempest – Has been announced
 - Gioia Sails South – Has increased their building size from 25k sq. ft. to 35k sq. ft.
 - Spec – Moving forward. They are looking for tenants for the building.
 - RN – They are coming for a second site visit and to look at properties
 - HOP – Are looking for a site
 - Dorothy – Looking for 400,000 sq. ft. building
 - Totally Rad – New project
 - Pony – Ms. van Eckert visited with them at their facility in Connecticut

5. **Council Comments**

Mr. Marotti request to move or cancel the November and December meetings due to their close proximity to Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mr. Cahill requested we not skip those months entirely and combine the meetings on date early in December.

Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to cancel the November and December meetings and to schedule one meeting to accommodate both.

Motion approved.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Next Meeting: TBD

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.