

**DELTA COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Delta College Main Campus
Monday, March 3, 2014
3:00 p.m.**

BOARD PRESENT R. Emrich, J. MacKenzie, R.E. Selby, R. Stafford, E. Wacksman

BOARD ABSENT K. Houston-Philpot, K. Lawrence-Webster, M. Rowley, M. Nash

OTHERS PRESENT J. Goodnow, D. Bibbs, M. Brown, T. Brown, P. Clark, B. Ernat, L. Govitz, J. Graham, L. Holoman, B. McKinney, D. Mitchell, M. Mosqueda, D. Parker, D. Peruski, R. Przybylski, L. Ramseyer, K. Schuler, D. Schian-Squanda, K. Skrzypczak, W. Squanda, T. Stitt, S. Traxler, A. Ursuy, D. Van Ooteghem, C. Ward, J. Ward, M. Ward, B. Webb, J. Yezak

PRESS PRESENT B. Johnson (mLive)

CALL TO ORDER Board Chair, R. Stafford, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Board Chair, R. Stafford called for approval of the agenda.
The agenda was approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Board Chair, R. Stafford, called for public comment.

PRESENTATION FROM THE LEADERS OF BUENA VISTA TOWNSHIP RE: THE SAGINAW CENTER Jim Graham, Chair of the Buena Vista DDA; Sarah Traxler, McKenna and Associates; and Dwayne Parker, Buena Vista Township Supervisor; gave a presentation on the Buena Vista Zone as an option for the new Delta College Saginaw Center.

Jim Graham compared the values of Delta College to what the Buena Vista DDA and the Town Center Site could bring to the College. He also gave some examples of student success stories from Delta College.

Sarah Traxler recapped the presentation that was delivered to the Board in January. Points from that presentation included the success of the Buena Vista DDA, the fact that the Town Center site is highly visible and ready now, and that locating in Buena Vista would maintain Delta College's investment in the township.

S. Traxler then presented ways in which the Buena Vista Zone and the Town Center Site fit into the criteria that the Board approved for selection of a zone. Those criteria are as follows:

- Demographic/Workforce Alignment
- Access
- Image/Identity/Perception

- Proximity to Community Assets
- Community Contribution
- Local Feasibility
- Multi-Institutional Collaboration

M. Ward presented on various incentives that may be available to Delta College to aid in funding the Saginaw Center Project. R. Emrich clarified that the majority of these incentives are only available to private organizations. He also said that, as Deb Lutz indicated, the College cannot use a developer if it intends to seek funds through the State of Michigan capital outlay process to fund this project.

D. Parker thanked the Board for the opportunity to deliver the second presentation regarding the Buena Vista Township Zone. He also stated that, in regards to safety in Buena Vista, there have only been 2 calls to the police department from the Delta College Ricker Center in 5 years. He said that he felt it was important to clarify this fact.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

E. Selby asked D. Parker about the distance between the Delta College Ricker Center and the Town Center Site. S. Traxler said it is approximately ¼ of a mile.

E. Selby asked about the location of the Industrial Park in Buena Vista. D. Parker said it is northeast of M81.

J. MacKenzie asked about the opportunities in agriculture and with the Farm Bureau. W. Squanda said that there are specific skills that farmers need such as mechanical, electrical, welding, etc. He said that Delta College could provide training in these areas to help the agricultural community be more successful.

CHAIRS COMMENTS

Board Chair Stafford thanked the representatives from Buena Vista Township for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Stafford adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Andrea Ursuy, Board Secretary