

MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Authority met in-person at City Hall 10th Floor. The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Chairman Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, Arlene Robinson, Diane Washington, John Willis, Mindy Bradish-Orta, James Johnson, Thaddeus Williams, George Brown

ABSENT: Felicia Richmond

Also Present: Malik Goodwin, City Representative

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mindy Bradish-Orta and second by Daniel Mahoney to adopt the agenda, motion carried, Agenda was adopted. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by James Johnson and seconded by Daniel Mahoney to adopt the minutes; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

An update on the status of completing the Development & Tax Increment Plan and the proposed amended Development Area was provided by Malik Goodwin. Malik Goodwin reported that GWJ is working with the City Law and Assessors office to resolve a discrepancy so that the item can be placed on the City Council agenda as soon as possible. Malik Goodwin discussed the impacts to the overall completion schedule for the Development and TIF Plan.

Malik Goodwin provided an update on the status of the proposed resolution to City Council, pertaining to the allocation of ARPA funding to the MLK CIA to support future initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Willis summarized the draft of a recent report drafted by the City of Jackson-Department of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, that describes how urban policy decisions made nearly 100 years ago affect the City of Jackson today. The Board discussed the contents, its findings, and its relationship to the planned initiatives of the MLK CIA.

Director Willis presented a map prepared by the City of Jackson depicting where city-owned properties exist immediate to the MLK CIA Development Area. The map was developed to illustrate the possibility of where future infill housing could be built. The Board discussed the map and other efforts underway by other local entities to figure out how best to collaborate to meet the community's need to have more housing options.

Director Washington presented a draft letter and information about the Black Food Sovereignty Grant program, through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Director Washington was looking for support from the MLK CIA in the pursuit of the grant opportunity. It was moved by John Willis and supported by Daniel Mahoney and the Board voted to support the application, provided that supporting program information would be provided to, and deemed sufficient to the Board Officers prior to the May 1, 2022, submission deadline.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin thanked those on the Board who contributed their support and feedback to the Department of Public Works, in their effort in applying for the federal RAISE Grant Program. Malik Goodwin presented the Board with a draft one-page summary of the Strategic Plan and requested feedback and eventual acceptance of its final form. Malik Goodwin indicated that the Executive Director of the Jackson Anchor Initiative is expected to present at the May 2022 Board of Directors Meeting, pending final confirmation. Malik Goodwin reported that he spoke with Zimmerman Volk Associates, a consulting firm specializing housing market analysis, about the MLK CIA and provided an overview of the organization. Malik Goodwin requested names and contacts of additional businesses to make outreach to in the coming months.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Various Directors made comments. Director Mahoney added indicated that he would like to see the MLK CIA Board of Directors look at establishing committees to work on various aspects of operating the MLK CIA, such as raising additional funding for future initiatives. Director Mahoney indicated that he would speak with the various department heads involved with getting any discrepancies resolved associated with the proposed amended development area moving forward in the legislative process.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Willis, seconded by Daniel Mahoney. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by Chairman Parker.