



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Authority met in-person at the Jackson King Center Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairman Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, Arlene Robinson, Diane Washington, John Willis, Felicia Richmond, Thaddeus Williams, George Brown

ABSENT: Mindy Bradish-Orta, James Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin, City Representative, Chris Miller, StreetSense Consultants

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by John Willis and second by George Brown to adopt the agenda. Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Thaddeus Williams to adopt the minutes from the April 28, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Chris Miller, Principal with StreetSense Consultants, gave a presentation to the Board about the

proposed creation and use of an investment crowdfunding model his company develops to help increase community investment, ownership and involvement in potential future community development projects located in the MLK Corridor.

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 presented the final draft of the Strategic Plan Summary, and requested approval of it from the Board so that it can be distributed and published on the website. A motion was made by John Willis and seconded by Felicia Richmond to approve the Strategic Plan Summary as to form. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the need to create subcommittees to assist in carrying out the business of the MLK Corridor Improvement Authority, focused on the following categories: Organization, Design, Business Development, and Marketing. Daniel Mahoney indicated he'd like to see a request made to City Council to amend the ordinance to allow the MLK CIA the ability to form subcommittees similar to that of the Racial Equity Commission Ordinance. The Board also discussed the importance of having the ability of invited non-Board members to participate in the subcommittees. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to have the MLK CIA recommend that the City Council amend the relevant ordinance to allow the MLK CIA to create subcommittees. Thaddeus Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin reported on the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's Build to Scale Grant Program, and indicated his desire to pursue the opportunity by identifying potential partners, and securing local match funding needed in order to satisfy the grant application requirements.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided comments, and thanked Chris Miller for attending and presenting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by George Brown, seconded by Daniel Mahoney. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Chairman Parker.