



## **MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

July 22, 2021

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The MLK Corridor Authority met in-person at City Hall, 161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan 49201, in the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by John Willis.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Present: John Willis, James Johnson, Diane Washington, Daniel Mahoney, Mayor Derek Dobies, and Anthony Parker.

Absent: Arlene Robinson, Mindy Bradish-Orta, and Lee Hampton.

Also Present: Malik Goodwin, GWJ Consultant and Dena Morgan.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Director John Willis and seconded by Diane Washington. Vote— Yeas: Directors Willis, Johnson, Washington, Mahoney, Dobies, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve June's meeting minutes was made by Director Anthony Parker and seconded by Daniel Mahoney. Vote— Yeas: Directors Willis, Johnson, Washington, Mahoney, Dobies, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board held a nomination process and resolved to elect Anthony Parker as the Board Chair, Diane Washington as the Board Secretary, and Daniel Mahoney as the Board Vice Chair.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Willis announced Philicia Richmond from Henry Ford Allegiance Health will be joining the MLK Corridor Improvement Authority and expects her to be present

at future meetings.

John Willis requested the Board to consider approving an attached letter of recommendation to the City Council regarding a sale between the City of Jackson and New Macedonia Baptist Church. After discussion, the Board resolved to table the matter and requested a representative from New Macedonia Baptist Church to present at the August meeting to explain the proposed use for the property and respond to any additional questions.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Malik Goodwin reported GWJ has been working with City Administration to identify ways to market the area and attract additional food and grocery options to the corridor.

Malik Goodwin is also working with the City Administration to set up a local bus tour and site visit of the MLK corridor. A date of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:30 pm was confirmed for the local tour. GWJ confirm a site visit to the City of Detroit to understand efforts undertaken to attract relevant community and economic development projects that have relevance to and potential for the MLK corridor. A date of August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm was confirmed for the tour. The Board authorized the use of a bus for both site visits.

Malik Goodwin reported and highlighted the level of bandwidth capacity in the MLK Corridor and opportunities associated with Comcast/ Xfinity internet service program for eligible households.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Directors Diane Washington, Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, John Willis, and Mayor Dobies all offered comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Diane Washington and seconded by Director Daniel Mahoney. Vote— Yeas: Directors Willis, Johnson, Washington, Mahoney, Dobies, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Chairperson Anthony Parker.