



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 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 5:45 pm by Daniel Mahoney.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, Diane Washington, John Willis, George Brown

ABSENT: Mindy Bradish-Orta, James Johnson, Philicia Richmond, Thaddeus Williams, Anthony Parker

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney 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 George Brown to adopt the minutes from the May 26, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Miller, Principal with StreetSense Consultants, gave a follow-up presentation to the Board about the specific proposals submitted to MLK CIA. The proposals outlined the 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. Chris Miller responded to questions of the Board regarding how the co-op model would work, future expansion, governance and management details, etc,

John Willis provided an update on the process and timing of presenting a formal request to the City Council to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support reinvestment initiatives.

An update on the status of completing the Development & Tax Increment Plan and the proposed amended Development Area was provided by Malik Goodwin. The current completion schedule, plan contents, and immediate next steps, including the City Council public hearing, were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin presented the possibility of a grant funding opportunity for the MLK CIA, via the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration- Technical Assistance Grant Program. The Board supported the pursuit of the funding opportunity. George Brown made the motion and John Willis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was requested by Daniel Mahoney to have all future MLK CIA board meetings at the King Recreation Center until further notice. George Brown made the motion and John Willis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REPORT:

Malik Goodwin reported on the status of the pursuit of the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's Build to Scale Grant Program. Malik discussed the grant program with a few potential local partners.

Malik Goodwin reported that he met with a few business owners located in the Development Area and is working to schedule meetings with others.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Arlene Robinson, seconded by John Willis . Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm by Daniel Mahoney.