



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

December 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Improvement Authority (MLK CIA) met in-person at the Jackson King Center Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203. The meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Willis (via Zoom), Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, James Johnson, Mindy Bradish-Orta, George Brown, Anthony Parker

ABSENT: Philicia Richmond

EXCUSED: Thaddeus Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin- GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Anthony Parker and seconded by Daniel Mahoney to adopt the agenda. The Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by George Brown and seconded by Daniel Mahoney to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023. The Motion carried. A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Diane Washington to approve the the minutes from the December 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anthony Parker invited Monica Moser from the Jackson Community Foundation (JCF) to report to the Board of Directors on the evaluation process and the scoring rubric that was undertaken by her committee to select and recommend the the first round of awardees for the MLK

Entrepreneurial Fund. The recommended awardees included: Pryor's BBQ House, M Power Fitness, Mikey's Barbershop, Hampton's Place Barbershop and Jack's Take-Out; all of whom sought the award maximum amount of \$50,000. James Johnson made a motion to accept the recommendation from JCF and award \$49,999.99 each to the awardee. The motion was seconded by Diane Washington. The Motion carried. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to hold a mid-January 2024 meeting with the JCF and members of the evaluation committee, for members of the MLK CIA Executive Committee to debrief on the process and receive feedback as the MLK CIA prepares for launching future funding rounds. Diane Washington seconded the motion. The Motion carried. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to announce a second round of program funding and intake applications from interested parties beginning on February 1, and ending on March 1. James Johnson seconded the motion. After some discussion, the Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no new business items to discuss.

STAFF REPORT:

Staff made no additional comments.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. The comments ranged from feeling good about the work being done, excitement for what the awardees will do with the assistance, the desire to keep making steady progress, expressed thanks for the participation of the Jackson Community Foundation and evaluation committee members.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.