



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, July 18, 2024

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: King Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Adoption of the Agenda**
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)**
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the May 23, 2024, Board Meeting (Exhibit A)**
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Marketing and Communications Consultant**
 - b. Entrepreneurial Fund- Round 3 Award**
 - c. Add member to Grant Review Committee**
- VIII. Staff Report**
- IX. Director's Comments**
- X. Adjournment**



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2024

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 5:35 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Willis, Thaddeus Williams, Arlene Robinson, Anthony Parker, Philicia Richmond, James Johnson,

EXCUSED: Diane Washington

ABSENT: Daniel Mahoney, Mindy Bradish-Orta

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin-GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by John Willis to adopt the agenda with modification to allow for the reading of a letter received from the Racial Equity Commission. The Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments made, but John Willis did summarize the proposal letter received by the Racial Equity Commission regarding the purchase of property at 218 and 220 E. Franklin Street.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by John Willis to approve the minutes from the April 25th and May 9th, 2024, Board of Directors Meetings. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no old business agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin provided a Board update on the Technical Assistance Service Providers solicitation process. Proposals were received from 5 companies. Staff recommended to the Executive Committee that 3 companies be added to a pre-qualified vendor list for use by parties seeking small business consulting and other technical assistance. The companies include Best Practices Consulting Services, Blackridge Consulting and Roads Consulting Group. The Executive Committee accepted the recommendation, and the action has been reported to the Board as it required. Malik recommended that the board approve an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be used over the next 6 months to pay for technical services provided by those on the pre-qualified vendor list to businesses in need of assistance. James Johnson made the motion and the Motion carried. John Willis made a motion to appoint James Johnson to the MLK CIA Entrepreneurial Fund grant evaluation committee. The Motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin requested Board approval to extend the contract agreement with Idea 39 for an additional month to provide services during the month of June 2024 for an amount of \$2,225. James Johnson made the motion to approve the contract amendment. The Motion carried. Malik Goodwin also agreed to participate in the upcoming Ward 1 community meeting to provide an update on recent grocery attraction efforts for the southside.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. The comments included expressed appreciation for public comments received and their participation, and anticipation with seeing redevelopment of the community take place.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.