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MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA
DATE: Thursday, August 29, 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 July 25, 2024, Board Meeting (Exhibit A)

VI. Old Business

   a. Entrepreneurial Fund- Round 3 Update
   b. Neighborhood Clean-Up Update

VII. New Business
   a. Marketing and Communications Update- JTV
   b. Nomination for Secretary Officer Position

VIII. Staff Report

IX. Director's Comments

X. Adjournment

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July 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Martin Luther King 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 5:42 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Willis, Anthony Parker, Daniel Mahoney, James Johnson, Diane Washington

EXCUSED: Philicia Richmond, Mindy Bradish-Orta, Arlene Robinson

ABSENT: Thaddeus Williams,

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin-GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney to adopt the agenda. The Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were three citizen comments made. Comment was made regarding the desire to see the MLK CIA provide more assistance long-standing businesses who have contributed to and stayed open on the southside of Jackson, and a desire from an individual to partner with the MLK CIA to apply to the State of Michigan for funding to build affordable housing in the development area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin and John Willis presented and summarized the proposed timeline and process improvements to be made to the selection and evaluation process for Round 3 of the MLK CIA Entrepreneurial Fund. Daniel Mahoney made a motion that the Board adopt the proposed revised timeline and process. The motion carried. John Willis made a motion to set the Round 3 budget at an amount not to exceed $250,000.00, which could be subject to change by the Board based on the investment need demonstrated by the amount competitive applications received by the Jackson Community Foundation. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Willis summarized the letter he received regarding a request from Mr. Grady Higgins to acquire adjacent city-owned parcel of land located at 206 E. Prospect; Parcel ID: 5-1894.2A00. Mr. Higgins is seeking formal recommendation from the MLK CIA. Daniel Mahoney indicated that this particular request is separate and distinct from requests that would be made by petitioners to the City of Jackson as part of its side-lot program. Anthony Parker made a motion for the Board to adopt a resolution recommending approval of a land transfer between the City of Jackson and Grady Higgins, conditioned upon a staff confirmation of the actual lot size/ dimensions of the city-owned parcel in question. The motion carried. John Willis summarized plans that are being put in place to conduct another community clean-up event this fall. The budget for the event is $25,000.00. James Johnson made a motion to set the date of September 7 for the event. The motion carried. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to approve a budget not to exceed $25,000.00. The motion carried.

STAFF REPORT:

No staff report was provided.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. The comments included expressed appreciation for public attending and the received comments, anticipation with seeing a smoother Entrepreneur Fund selection process for this upcoming round, and with the upcoming fall clean-up event. Daniel Mahoney highlighted the city recently winning an award of a Spark grant from the (State of) Michigan Department of Natural Resources, to be used on upgrades to the MLK Recreation Center and grounds. Other Director comments included expressed desire follow up and focus on the needs of longstanding business owners and more singular development projects in the MLK CIA development area. Directors thanked Senator Shink's office for their involvement and assistance with helping to move community and economic development initiatives forward on the southside. Directors also highlighted the upcoming Southside Reunion event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.