



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 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 August 29, 2024, Board Meeting (Exhibit A)
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Entrepreneurial Fund- Round 3 Update
 - b. Marketing and Communications Update- JTV
- VII. New Business
 - a. Reimagining South MLK Drive- Update
 - b. Site Redevelopment/ Land Transfer Agreement [Cooper/ Biddle Site]
- VIII. Staff Report
- IX. Director's Comments
- X. Adjournment



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 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 5:38 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Willis, Anthony Parker, Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Philicia Richmond, Mindy Bradish-Orta, Arlene Robinson, Thaddeus Williams

EXCUSED: James Johnson

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin-GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Mindy Bradish-Orta to adopt the agenda. The Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There was one citizen comment made. Commenter alleged harassment by the City's code enforcement regarding his property, and cited instances of unfair treatment towards him related to code compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Philicia Richmond to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Willis reported that 17 pre-applications have been submitted so far as part of the Round 3 of the MLK CIA Entrepreneurial Fund. John Willis indicated that the application portal closes on Monday, September 9, 2024, by 5:30 PM EST, and (at the encouragement of Daniel Mahoney) that additional steps would be taken to communicate and market the opportunity to apply in and around the the MLK CIA development area. John Willis also highlighted the upcoming Neighborhood Clean Up Day to be held on September 7, 2024, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm EST.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bart Hawley of JTV was introduced by Anthony Parker as the new marketing and communications director for the MLK CIA, replacing Idea 39. Mr. Hawley provided the Board with an overview of its scope of services to be performed over the next 12 months. Anthony Parker accepted Board nominations for the Board Secretary position. John Willis nominated Philicia Richmond. No other Board nominations were made. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin mentioned that the staff is pursuing development funding through Consumer Energy Foundation's Prosperity Awards Program. John Willis made a motion to amend an earlier adopted Board resolution recommending approval of a land transfer between the City of Jackson and Mr. Grady Higgins, recognizing that the existing lot width is 62'-0". The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. The comments included expressed appreciation for public attending and public comment, and some Board members agreed to refer public commenter concerns raised earlier to the appropriate leadership within the City of Jackson, and highlighted an upcoming voter education event being sponsored by YPOP Explorers. Daniel Mahoney thanked Diane Washington for her service as the previous Board Secretary, thanked Philicia Richmond for accepting the role as the new Board Secretary. Thaddeus Williams thanked the Jackson Community Foundation for their involvement in the MLK CIA Entrepreneurial Fund, and offered best wishes for a safe Labor Day weekend. Anthony Parker expressed excitement about the amount of investment being made in the corridor and the upcoming investment being planned.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.