CITY OF JACKSON MICHIGAN

MLK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING AGENDA
DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2025
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 Dec. 19, 2024 Board Meeting (Exhibit A)

VI. Financial Report

VII. Old Business

   a. Marketing and Communications Update- JTV
   b. 2025 MLK CIA Board of Directors Meeting Calendar
   c. 2025 Board Retreat

VIII. New Business
   a. New Development

IX. Staff Report

X. Director's Comments

XI. Adjournment

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MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Martin Luther King Corridor Improvement Authority (MLK CIA) Board of Directors met in-person at the Jackson King Center Recreation Center, 1107 Adrian St., Jackson, MI 49203. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

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

EXCUSED:

ABSENT: James Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin- GWJ; David Barker- JTV

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by John Willis to adopt the agenda. The Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Troy White from the City of Jackson Department of Public Works provided a Board update on the plans for constructing the "Reimagining South MLK Drive" streetscape improvement project, beginning in 2025.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by John Willis to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

With an endorsement from the Executive Committee, Mindy Bradish-Orta made a motion to approve an allocation of additional ARPA funding to use as Entrepreneurial Fund Round 3 business grants, in the amount of $135,000. The Motion carried. John Willis made a motion to approve and award Round 3 grant funding to the following companies: 1.) MGM Cleaning Solutions (Technical Assistance only), 2.) Angel of Mine Home Care LLC ($50,000), 3.) Chelsea Cakes, LLC ($50,000), 4.) Ductz of Mid Michigan ($50,000), 5.) Kelly Fuels, Inc. ($50,000), 6.) New Smiles New Beginnings ($50,000), 7.) Pryor's BBQ ($50,000), 8.) S & G Mini-Mart ($50,000), 9.) Strawberry's Play Den ($35,000). The Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Barker of JTV provided an update on media and communications activities associated with the Authority website and media channels. Malik Goodwin reported out on the progress of the planning of the third MLK CIA Business Resource Fair. John Willis made a motion to approve a budget for the fair in the amount of $3,500 to cover the expenses related to food, signage, and the costs associated with conducting a business plan course (including material costs). The Motion passed. Mayor Mahoney indicated that he'd like to have the timing of the event reconsidered and would like to have involvement by Board members. Mayor Mahoney also directed staff to coordinate and schedule the next Board Retreat in early 2025.

STAFF REPORT:

No staff report was provided.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. Board members thanked the public for attending the meeting, and for their patience with the Authority while programs are being undertaken. Board members thanked the Jackson Community Foundation and its Grant Review Committee for its hard work and effort to bring forth Entrepreneurial Fund Grant Award recommendations to the Board for consideration. The Board also thanked the staff of the MLK Recreation Center for their hospitality, and thanked the City Engineer for presenting the streetscape plans for South MLK Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.