



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 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 5:35 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: John Willis, Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, Philicia Richmond, James Johnson

ABSENT: Thaddeus Williams, Anthony Parker

EXCUSED: Mindy Bradish-Orta, George Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin- GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by John Willis and seconded by Diane Washington to adopt the agenda. Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were no citizen comments made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by James Johnson to table and postpone the review and approval of the minutes from the December 7, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to the December 28, 2023 Board of Directors meeting. The Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin provided an overview of a now revised draft request for qualifications (RFQ) to solicit certain technical assistance services to make available to complement the needs of people & businesses located in the MLK CIA development area, as well as Entrepreneurial Fund applicants and awardees. The Board discussed the purpose, the RFQ content and the overall

desired solicitation schedule. The Board agreed to direct staff to postpone the staff release of the RFQ pending another meeting and staff discussion with Guidehouse, who is the City of Jackson's compliance consultant regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Arlene Robinson to undertake these actions. 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, the desire to keep making steady progress, expressed thanks for the participation of the evaluation committee members, and happy holiday wishes were offered.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.