



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Authority met virtually, in accordance with State and Federal guidelines designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by John Willis.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Willis, James Johnson, Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, Lee Hampton, Mindy Bradish-Orta, Daniel Mahoney, Mayor Derek Dobies, and Anthony Parker.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Laura Schlecte, Dena Morgan, Aaron Dimick, Jim Mills, Jacob Inosencio, Scott Fleming, Bethsemame Williams, Malik Goodwin, and George Jackson.

INTRODUCTION:

John Willis introduced Project Executive Malik Goodwin from GWJ, LLC as interim staff of the MLK Corridor Authority. Malik Goodwin will chair all meetings until an official chair is elected.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve April's meeting minutes was made by Director Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Director Diane Washington. Vote – Yeas: Directors Johnson, Washington, Hampton, Bradish-Orta, Mahoney, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

I. Proposed Schedule of Staffing Activities (See Chart Below)

Task Description	2021						
	Q2		Q3			Q4	
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
CITY OF JACKSON		1	2	3	4	5	6
MLK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY							
KICK-OFF							
1 Confirm Overall Project Schedule							
2 Confirm receipt of all existing organizational formation documents							
3 Confirm legal, budget and accounting functions; responsibility							
4 Confirm CIA MLK Meeting Frequency [Monthly]							
5 Confirm Client/ GWJ Meeting Frequency [Weekly]							
ORGANIZATIONAL TASKS							
6 Prepare/ Submit MLK CIA Meeting Materials [Agenda, Minutes, Exhibits]							
7 Facilitate Regularly Scheduled MLK CIA Meetings							
8 Establish Bylaws, Confirm Mission, Purpose etc.							
9 Establish Committees							
10 Evaluate & Elect Officers							
11 Establish Multi-Year Operating Budget							
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT							
12 Establish Schedule with City Input & Meet with Stakeholder Groups							
FUNDING							
13 Assist City with applying for funding to support immediate/ near-term needs							

II. Formation Activities

GWJ will assist the MLK Corridor Authority with the following:

- a. Establishing Bylaws and Mission Statement
- b. Electing Officers
- c. Establishing Committees
- d. Operating Budget
 - a. FY 2021-2022
 - b. Budget [3-Year]
- e. Securing Funding for near term priorities

III. Community Stakeholder Introductions

GWJ plans to reach out to the following groups of people to get ideas for the Corridor:

- a. MLK CIA Board Members
- b. Property Owners
- c. Business Development and Support Agencies
- d. City Leadership/ Relevant Department Staff & Agencies
- e. Business Leaders
- f. Residents
- g. Developers/ Investors
- h. Lenders

IV. Proposed Future Actions and Project

- a. MLK CIA Framework Plan

- i. GWJ will schedule a planning workshop for the directors of the Corridor. The workshop will allow the directors to review the economics, current climate, challenges, and opportunities that exist within the Corridor.

V. November Meeting Date

A motion to amend the November meeting date from November 25th (Thanksgiving Holiday) to November 18th was made by Director Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Councilmember Arlene Robinson. Vote – Yeas: Directors Johnson, Washington, Hampton, Mahoney, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

VI. Temporary Chair for May’s Meeting

A motion to appoint Mayor Derek Dobies as temporary chair over the meeting was made by John Willis, supported by Director Lee Hampton, and seconded by Director James Johnson. Vote – Yeas: Directors Johnson, Washington, Hampton, Mahoney, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII. Next Steps for the Board

- a. The Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will provide the directors with a statement of applicable officer positions and an overview of authorizing legislation.

- b. A motion was made by Mayor Derek Dobies and supported by Councilmember Arlene Robinson to reformat future meeting agendas and create draft Bylaws/mission statement for review. Vote – Yeas: Directors Johnson, Washington, Hampton, Mahoney, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Dena Morgan offered a citizen comment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a. A recommendation was made by Mayor Derek Dobies to include citizen comments as an agenda item on future meeting agendas. He also stated the City of Jackson Downtown Development Authority’s meeting agenda would be a good format to adopt.
- b. A recommendation was made by Director Lee Hampton to create an artist rendering of the potential/future development of the MLK Corridor.

NEXT MEETING:

The MLK Corridor Authority next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Directors Diane Washington, Arlene Robinson, Lee Hampton, Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, and John Willis all offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Derek Dobies and seconded by Director Diane Washington. Vote – Yeas: Directors Johnson, Washington, Hampton, Mahoney, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Mayor Derek Dobies.