



## **MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES**

January 12, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The MLK Corridor 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 Daniel Mahoney.

### **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: George Brown, Thaddeus Williams, Philicia Richmond, John Willis, Arlene Robinson, Daniel Mahoney

ABSENT: James Johnson, Diane Washington, Anthony Parker

EXCUSED: Mindy Bradish-Orta

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin, City Representative

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

A motion was made by John Willis and seconded by Arlene Robinson to adopt the agenda with one modification. Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

There were two citizen comments made. One comment was in the form of a question asking the Board to share more information about how the \$4.5 million in allocated ARPA funds would be used by the MLK CIA, and wanting more clarity about any business grants being awarded. The second comment was also made in the form of a question regarding who the point of contact would be to provide notice about federal grant opportunities that may relate to the business of the MLK CIA.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by George Brown and seconded by John Willis to adopt the minutes from the November 17, 2022, Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Malik Goodwin updated the Board on recent efforts by the staff to further prepare a scope and budget for future programs and initiatives that could be undertaken by the MLK CIA in the short term, in accordance with its Development Plan. Board members provided feedback on the proposed timing, and requested that some of the work move faster than was indicated.

Malik Goodwin reported that the Executive Committee met and made committee assignment recommendations to the Board. Malik Goodwin recommended that the Board consider acceptance of the recommendations. George Brown made the motion and Thaddeus seconded the motion. Motion passed. Other Board members agreed to participate in other ad-hoc committees.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

John Willis reported his office is pursuing a grant funding opportunity with the State of Michigan, whereby grant funds can be used to aid in blight elimination, with the MLK CIA Development Area in mind.

Malik Goodwin and John Willis also reported that the City has secured funding from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, that can be used for environmental remediation, which includes the MLK CIA Development Area. Malik Goodwin was asked by the Board to confirm the full amount of the grant award and how much is identified specifically for the MLK CIA use.

Malik Goodwin provided an update on the plans to issue a Request for Proposals to solicit development proposals to redevelop a city-owned parcel of land on East Prospect St. The Board discussed the proposed format, content and timing of the RFP and the process to hire design-build professionals, and requested that a full draft be presented to the Board at the next upcoming meeting scheduled for January 26, 2023. It was moved by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by John Willis. Motion passed.

Malik Goodwin agreed to work to get a strategic planning meeting scheduled for the new year.

## **REPORT:**

No report was provided to the Board.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

The Directors provided parting comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Willis, seconded by George Brown. The Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.