



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 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 5:30 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: None

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin- City Representative, Guy Stockard & Jim Smith- Commercial Real Estate Developers

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by James Johnson and seconded by Daniel Mahoney to adopt the agenda with modifications to 1.) allow for a presentation, and 2.) allow for the election of officers. Motion carried, and the agenda was adopted.

PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by Guy Stockard & Jim Smith, who are commercial real estate developers, regarding their experience, and interest in the developing reinvestment plans for the MLK CIA Development Area.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Anthony Parker accepted a nomination as the Board Chair, Daniel Mahoney accepted a nomination as the Vice Chair, Diane Washington accepted a nomination as the Secretary. John Willis made a motion to elect Anthony Parker as the Board Chair, and was seconded by James Johnson; motion passes. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to elect Daniel Mahoney as the Vice Chair, and was

seconded by Thaddeus Williams; motion passes. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to elect Diane Washington as the Secretary, and seconded by James Johnson; Motion passes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were two citizen comments made. One comment was made regarding the status of exploring locating a co-op grocery store, and another comment was regarding their action taken to apply for a board position on the MLK CIA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by George Brown and seconded by John Willis to adopt the minutes from the January 12, 2023, Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin provided an overview of the contents of the draft design-build Request for Proposals for the pursuit of commercial development at East Prospect St. After some discussion, Diane Washington made a Motion to modify the Request for Proposal to solicit proposals from commercial real estate developers instead of a design-build contractor, and that the proposal provide for two options- 1.) a commercial retail center only, and 2.) a commercial mixed-use facility with an affordable housing component. The Motion was seconded by Mindy Bradish-Orta. The Motion was amended by Diane Washington to provide that the Executive Committee has the ability to review and approve the modified Request for Proposal document. The Motion was seconded by Daniel Mahoney, and the Motion passed. Malik Goodwin also provided an overview of a proposed real estate improvement program. After some discussion, Daniel Mahoney made a Motion to expand the program as an entrepreneurial fund, that would include the ability of eligible applicants to obtain funding for working capital needs and equipment purchases, for example. The Motion was seconded by James Johnson, and the Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

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 James Johnson, seconded by Thaddeus Williams. The Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.