



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Authority met in-person at City Hall 10th Floor. The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Chairman Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, Arlene Robinson, Diane Washington, John Willis, Felicia Richmond, James Johnson, Thaddeus Williams

ABSENT: Mindy Bradish-Orta,

Also Present: Malik Goodwin, City Representative

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and second by Felicia Richmond to adopt the agenda, motion carried, Agenda was adopted. Amendment to the agenda was made to add a special presentation by Jacob Inocencio after the citizen comments. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by James Johnson to adopt the minutes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

An update on the status of completing the Development & Tax Increment Plan and the proposed amended Development Area was provided by Malik Goodwin.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Resolution was introduced by Malik Goodwin recommending Board approval to amend the current MLK CIA Amended Development Area Boundaries (attached hereto as Exhibit A). A Motion was made by John Willis and second Mayor Mahoney to adopt the Resolution, with conditions (which include adding adjacent public parkland to the amended area, and receiving final feedback from the Assessor and City Attorney on the proposal). The Motion passed.

A Motion was made by John Willis and second Mayor Mahoney to amend the March 24, 2022 Board agenda and add an Item 'B' to the New Business section to include a draft resolution recommending regarding ARPA funding allocation to support future MLK CIA projects and programs. The Motion passed.

A draft Departmental Report and Resolution was introduced by Malik Goodwin recommending Board approval to request of City Council that a portion of ARPA funding be allocated to support the future projects and programs of the MLK CIA over the next four years (attached hereto as Exhibit B). After some Board discussion, a Motion was made by John Willis and second Mayor Mahoney to adopt the Resolution, with conditions (which include changing the author to the Board Chair, adding more historical background, clarifying and more information on anticipated funding sources, and more adding more detail on proposed future uses). The Motion passed.

The Board discussed ideas for continuing community outreach. Suggestions were made to include the City's Youth Council as part of future community outreach events and efforts.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin reported on his involvement and community input received at the Ward 1 meeting held on March 23, 2022. Malik Goodwin also updated the Board on the status of the American Rescue Plan act (ARPA) US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant applications submitted and/or supported by the City of Jackson on behalf of the MLK CIA as of March 31, 2022. The grant programs that were applied to include with the Good Jobs Challenge (lead applicant was the United Way), Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance, and Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Anthony Parker, Directors, Diane Washington, Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Arlene Robinson, and John Willis, Philicia Richmond, all mention being thankful for the great work Malik Goodwin is doing.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Willis, seconded by Daniel Mahoney. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Parker.