



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 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 5:35 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: George Brown, John Willis, Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Anthony Parker

ABSENT: Philicia Richmond, Arlene Robinson, Thaddeus Williams, Mindy Bradish-Orta

EXCUSED: James Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin-GWJ, Monica Moser- Jackson Community Foundation , Tori Sullivan-Cortez & Kevin Johnson with Idea 39.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were five (5) citizen comments. There was a comment made about making MLK CIA documents and committee appointments available/ more accessible to the public. question about how to get more details on the MLK Reimagined discussion that was held on April 10, 2023 public meeting, a comment about satisfaction with the art installation at Morrell, reminder about an Art Show at Segue, Inc. on September 9, and acknowledgement of representative from Rep. Sue Shink's office and expressed interest in supporting the MLK CIA's redevelopment efforts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

__John Willis_____ made a motion and seconded by _Daniel Mahoney_____ to approve the meeting minutes from the July 27th Board of Directors meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Idea 39 provided an overview of the findings of the community survey. The Board discussed the findings, made comments, and advised the staff and Idea 39 to make the summary available on the website. Malik Goodwin updated the Board on the planning for the next Business Resource Fair. John Willis provided an update on the next planned community clean-up event, scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 8:00 am to noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Willis provided an update on recent funding awards made to the City of Jackson (with MLK CIA support), including a \$6.5 million streetscape improvement grant from the federal government that could be used to revitalize S. MLK Drive from Morrell to South Street. John reported that additional funding could be allocated for the MLK CIA's purposes from the Jackson County Land Bank. John Willis and Monica Moser provided an update to the Board regarding the planning efforts underway to launch the Entrepreneurial and Real Estate Improvement Fund (the, "Fund") and recruit members to a selection committee that would be made up of representatives from the Jackson Community Foundation, the MLK CIA, and the public. Daniel Mahoney made a motion, with support from Diane Washington to accept the draft evaluation committee application form and direct staff to establish the selection criteria for the committee, receive applications, and make recommendations on final selection to the Board. Malik Goodwin recommended that the Board pass a resolution authorizing a letter of recommendation to support the pursuit of grant funding by the City of Jackson to pay for the expansion of the MLK Recreation Center. John Willis made a motion, was seconded by George Brown, and the motion passed.

STAFF REPORT:

Staff provided an update on the progress of attracting a grocery store to the southside, including interviewing prospective grocers, identifying other nearby sites to suit the desire/ demand, and the status of previously submitted bids on the East Prospect site.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

The Directors provided parting comments. The comments ranged from acknowledgement of public comments regarding ease of access to documents, compliments to the Jackson Community Foundation for their participation, praise for the art work installation, acknowledgement of the public at the meeting, and appreciation for all public comments made.

ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Willis, seconded by George Brown. The Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.