



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2022

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 5:40 pm by Anthony Parker.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Daniel Mahoney, Diane Washington, Anthony Parker, James Johnson, George Brown, Thaddeus Williams

ABSENT: Mindy Bradish-Orta, Philicia Richmond, John Willis, Arlene Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: Malik Goodwin, City Representative, Tee Rushdan, Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund (via Zoom)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

There were three public comments made pertaining to interest in the proposed and current activities of the MLK CIA, including desires to see more growth and development on the southside, and acknowledgement and congratulations on the recent funding allocation made by the City of Jackson to the MLK CIA to support future development initiatives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Daniel Mahoney and seconded by Anthony Parker to adopt the minutes from the July 28, 2022 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Tee Rushdan, Co-Founder of the Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund, provided an overview of her work experience as it relates to urban farming in Detroit, Michigan, and described the importance of collaboration/ cooperation with others to support the local food ecosystem and opportunities for black farmers to acquire land.

OLD BUSINESS:

Malik Goodwin reported to the Board that on August 9, 2022, the City of Jackson approved an allocation of \$4.5 million in ARPA funds to support the future activities of the MLK CIA. Board members provided comments.

Malik Goodwin reported the next steps in the process of completing the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, summarized the proposed contents, and responded to questions from the Board. A public hearing on the Plan is being scheduled by the City of Jackson for September 27, 2022.

In the interest of time, Malik Goodwin recommended that the Board officers meet to discuss the draft bylaws presented at the July 2022 meeting and the committees recommended for consideration by GWJ and make recommendations to the full board at the next regularly scheduled MLK CIA Board of Directors meeting, scheduled for September 22, 2022. Daniel Mahoney made a motion to table said agenda items, with a second made by Thaddeus Williams. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to come before the Board.

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 George Brown. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm