



MLK CORRIDOR AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The MLK Corridor Authority met in-person at City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by John Willis.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Willis, James Johnson, Daniel Mahoney, Mayor Derek Dobies, Anthony Parker, Arlene Robinson, Felicia Richmond, and Mindy Bradish-Orta.

Absent: Lee Hampton and Diane Washington.

Also Present: Malik Goodwin- GWJ

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

A motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting was made by Director Mindy Bradish-Orta and was seconded by James Johnson. Vote— Yeas: Directors Willis, Johnson, Mahoney, Richmond, Dobies, Bradish-Orta, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

No public comments were made.

PRESENTATION:

Pastor Bennie Gibson made a presentation to the MLK Board of Directors regarding the future plans for expanding the facilities of New Macedonia Baptist Church and made a request of the Board of Directors to endorse the acquisition of 1024 MLK Drive, an adjacent city-owned property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve July's meeting minutes was made by Director Mahoney and seconded by Director Johnson, Vote – Yeas: Directors Willis, Johnson, Mahoney, Dobies, Richmond, Bradish-Orta and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Board Member: Director Parker introduced Director Philicia Richmond from Henry Ford Allegiance Health who recently joined the MLK Corridor Improvement Authority.

1024 MLK Drive- Letter of Recommendation: The Board decided to table the matter making a recommendation to the City Council to authorize a land sale of 1024 S. MLK Drive to New Macedonia Baptist Church. The Board informed Pastor Gibson that the City, through its economic development director, will be in touch with him regarding how to assist with advancing the development plans for the New Macedonia Baptist Church expansion project. The Board would like to then would like the Pastor to come back with additional information on the proposed project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Non-Disclosure Agreement: Director Willis indicated that the City attorney requests that all Board members sign a non-disclosure agreement related to the discussion of certain information of a confidential nature.

Discussion on Tours: Directors Willis, Richmond, Johnson, and Parker provided remarks indicating their enjoyment of the tour of Detroit and hearing from the developer of the Shoppes at Gateway Marketplace on Eight Mile road in Detroit.

STAFF REPORT:

Malik Goodwin reported out that plans are underway to have a strategic planning workshop take place during the second or third week of September 2021, and is working with the city staff to confirm the final date and agenda topics.

Malik Goodwin reported out that GWJ continues to work with the City administration to identify ways to market the area and attract additional food and grocery options to the corridor.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Directors Daniel Mahoney, Anthony Parker, James Johnson, John Willis, and Mayor Dobies all offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Willis and seconded by Director Bradish-Orta. Vote – Yeas: Directors Dobies, Johnson, Richmond, Bradish-Orta, Willis, Mahoney, Robinson, and Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Parker.