

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MAY 9, 2019 – 8:00AM
JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
29260 GRAND RIVER AVENUE
FARMINGTON HILLS MI, 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: MAYOR MASSEY AT 8:10 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: BRAZZLE, PRICE, MASSEY AND SMITH

MEMBERS ABSENT: MANN

OTHERS PRESENT: Samantha Seimer, Economic Development Director/Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Massey, support by Smith, to approve the agenda as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES :

Ms. Seimer informed the Board that although there was not quorum for the meetings on November 1, 2018 and March 7, 2019, meeting minutes were drafted to show that there was a publically posted meeting, and that no business was conducted by the Board due to the lack of quorum.

OCTOBER 4, 2018:

Motion by Massey, support by Price, to approve the October 4, 2018 minutes as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

NOVEMBER 1, 2018:

Motion by Massey, support by Price, to approve the November 1, 2018 minutes as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

MARCH 7, 2019:

Motion by Massey, support by Price, to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BYLAWS

Ms. Seimer informed the Board that City Council passed an ordinance to bring all City Boards, Commissions and Authorities into an updated, standard format for its bylaws. What is presented to the Corridor Improvement Authority is the standardized format for bylaws and includes references to the guiding state legislation.

Mayor Massey added that Council studied of all 26 boards and commissions bylaws. The study highlighted a variety of redundancies, and gaps between boards. Council sought to simplify and standardize all board's bylaws which encompass over 300 members. After it is approved by the Corridor Improvement Authority it will be placed on a City Council agenda for final review.

Ms. Seimer stated that the Economic Development Corporation and Brownfield Redevelopment Authority are undergoing the same updating of bylaws.

Motion by Massey, support by Price, to approve the proposed draft Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Bylaws and recommend placement on a future City Council agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Price nominated for Chair by Massey, support by Smith to elect Price as Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Board Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Brazzle nominated for Vice Chair by Massey, support by Price to elect Brazzle as Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Board Vice Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Smith nominated for Secretary by Massey, support by Brazzle to elect Smith as Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Board Secretary.

Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

There was a discussion between Board members about doing more marketing and outreach with the Façade Grant Program and perhaps hosting an open house to inform the community about the Authority.

Mayor Massey reminded the Board that the Authority currently has two vacant seats. If anybody knows of somebody who is interested in serving to please contact him. A member of the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority must either be a resident of the City or own a business within the geographical boundaries of the CIA District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 AM.

Minutes drafted by: Samantha Seimer