

MEETING MINUTES
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 7:30 AM
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
29260 GRAND RIVER AVE
(248) 871-2417

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Member Massey 8:00

MEMBERS PRESENT: Massey, Smith, Verburg, Kumar

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brazzle, Gendjar, Mann

OTHERS PRESENT: Khalfani Stephens, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Massey, support by Kumar to approve the agenda
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2017

Motion by Massey, support by Kumar to approve the minutes
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE POLICIES

The Board reviewed the proposed grant program. Motion by Massey, support by Kumar to approve the grant development program with discussed amendments to dates and the program funding being automatically renewed for fiscal year 2018/ 2019.

Ayes: Massey, Smith, Verburg, Kumar
Nays: None
Motion carried

Discussion concerning the recent changes to state law governing Tax Increment Finance Authorities and if those changes would hinder the City's ability to support the grant program from the general fund. Discussion of how to include tax exempt organizations in the grant program. Can they be subject to loans only? Mr. Stephens will consult with the City Attorney on both items.

The Board discussed the difficulty of achieving quorum and the need to meet in a timely fashion to approve grant requests. Motion by Kumar, support by Verburg to instruct Mr. Stephens to consult with the City Attorney to update the by-laws to allow for electronic voting on time sensitive materials as determined by the Economic Development Director.

Ayes: Massey, Smith, Verburg, Kumar
Nays: None
Motion carried

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

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Approved 6-7-18

Discussion on the cost of maintenance for median landscaping and potential development of an opt-in program for businesses to adopt a section for maintenance.

Discussion on the M-5/ Grand River Corridor study for MDOT. Mr. Stephens noted that the study was done and that he would be meeting with the City's traffic engineer to determine next steps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is set for the 1st Thursday of the Month at 8AM

ADJOURN

Motion by Massey, support by Kumar to adjourn

Motion carried unanimously.

9:00 AM

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