

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
 GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
 OCTOBER 14, 2015 – 9:00 AM
 FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL
 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD**

DISCUSSION BEGAN AT 9:12 AM

FARMINGTON HILLS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brazzle, Brickner, Brown, and Smith

FARMINGTON HILLS MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gendjar and Mann

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kerry Jackson, Resident

Dave Richardson, Lindhout and Associates

Mark Saksewski, Traffic Engineer

Mark Stec, Staff Planner

Khalfani Stephens, Director of Economic Development, City of Farmington Hills

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
2	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA		MOTION BY: Brazzle SUPPORT BY: Smith MOTION CARRIED: All
3	AGENDA ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SERVICES FOR GRAND RIVER AVENUE WITHIN THE CIA REDEVELOPMENT AREA	Mr. Geinzer and Mr. Saksewski explained the results of the MDOT Scoping project and the necessary next steps. Three quotes for further Traffic Engineering and Planning Services were solicited with HRC/Clearzoning being the lowest responsive proposal.	MOTION BY: Brickner SUPPORT BY: Smith To approve contract award to HRC for Grand River Avenue Transportation and Planning Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and forward to City Council for affirmation. MOTION CARRIED: All
4	AGENDA ITEM: LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM PROJECT UPDATE	Mr. Geinzer noted the findings to date and the conclusion that the Botsford Inn was not an appropriate location. Mr. Richardson provided a summary of where the project currently stood and previewed some of the concepts being explored.	
5	AGENDA ITEM: DISCUSSION OF PROJECT/ PROGRAM PRIORITIES	Mr. Geinzer introduced the concept of a Façade Loan program. It was the consensus of the Board to hold off until there were additional resources to work with and TIF revenue was being captured.	

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6	PUBLIC COMMENTS	Mr. Jackson discussed food desserts and how some produce/grocery concepts may not be 100% viable on their own.	
7	BOARD COMMENTS	Ms. Brazzle mentioned Comerica's SBA Express Loan program and the waiving of various program fees.	
8	ADJOURNMENT		Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am
	MINUTES PREPARED BY		Nate Geinzer, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Farmington Hills.