

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JOINT MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AT 8 A.M.
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
31555 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN

CALLED TO ORDER BY T.R. CARR AT 8:15 A.M.

CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEMBERS PRESENT: DR. KEN MASSEY, BILL SMITH, TERESA BRAZZLE, KIMBERLY GUESMAN

ABSENT: JASDEEP MANN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: T.R. CARR, SUSAN ARLIN, SCOTT ELLIOTT, FRITZ BEIERMEISTER

ABSENT: LEW CANTOR, MARK ZACHOS, MARK BRUCKI, SAM SLAUGHTER, EUNICE JEFFRIES

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Mekjian, City Manager, Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director

BUSINESS

1. Innovation Center
 - a. T.R. Carr and Ken Massey introduced the Innovation Center, to be located on the third floor of The Hawk, to the CIA as an incubator with a biotech focus and economic development strategy for startups within Farmington Hills. Dr. Massey described the interest of including a university to partner with to provide an educational component to the project.
 - b. T.R. Carr and Gary Mekjian discussed the grant funds provided by the State of Michigan and The Hawk's third floor renovation and Special Services evaluation status as it may impact the timeline for the incubator construction and implementation. Ken Massey and Mr. Mekjian also discussed the current dedicated space located, and to-be-located, within the third floor of The Hawk.
2. Grand River Corridor
 - a. Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director, discussed the upcoming Chaldean Chamber of Commerce Bus Tour event on November 21 as an opportunity to showcase the Grand River and the Orchard Lake Road Corridors. This tour will help show developers and commercial real estate brokers areas of potential investment, challenges, and ideas along major

thoroughfares within the city. Mrs. Brockway also brought up the city's overlay district, mixed use corridor plan, and the Corridor Improvement Authority Façade Grant as options to help redevelopment within the Grand River Corridor area.

- b. Teresa Brazzle and Kim Guesman voiced the need for additional restaurants along Grand River Corridor to help service the surrounding community.
- c. The entire group harmonized on the need to have new restaurants within the city.

REPORT/UPDATES FROM

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

T.R. Carr mentioned the desire to have additional joint meetings in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Minutes Drafted by Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director