

MEETING MINUTES
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
OCTOBER 4, 2018 – 8:00AM
JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
29260 GRAND RIVER AVENUE
FARMINGTON HILLS MI, 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: MAYOR MASSEY AT 8:40 AM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KUMAR, MANN, MASSEY AND SMITH

MEMBERS ABSENT: GENDJAR, BRAZZLE, AND VERBURG

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2018:

Motion by Massey, support by Smith, to approve the September 6, 2018 minutes as submitted

Motion carried unanimously.

ROAD MILLAGE UPDATE:

Mayor Massey gave an update about the Road Millage Ballot Proposal. He reviewed that currently, Farmington Hills utilizes directed special assessments to repair its local roads. The ballot proposal would amend the City Charter to allow for a dedicated millage for local road infrastructure.

Mayor Massey added that there is a national rating system for roads called a PASER rating with 10 being the best and 1 being the worst condition. Farmington Hills has an average rating of 4.5, meaning many of the roads are in need of repair. Conversely, communities with a dedicated road millage have an average PASER rating of 7. The ballot proposal, if approved, creates a mechanism to repave approximately 10 miles of roads annually, as well as a instrument for lifecycle management of the City's road infrastructure.

Member Mann stated that she would pass the information along to her homeowners association. Mayor Massey offered to speak at a meeting about the proposal if the association was interested. He also added that on the City's webpage, residents can enter their street address to calculate what your taxes will be with the dedicated road millage.

OAKLAND COUNTY ONE STOP READY COMMUNITY SHOWCASE:

Ms. Seimer informed members about the Oakland County One Stop Ready Community Showcase. One Stop Ready is a County initiative which includes communities that have a successful permitting and plan review process. Ms. Seimer stated that she included three redevelopment opportunities for the Showcase; the former Sam's Club Site, Orchard Lake north of Eleven Mile and she asked that the focus be on the Botsford Focus Area identified in the CIA study sessions. Many developers, brokers, and real estate community partners attend the Showcase.

Ms. Seimer stated that she will forward the event flyer to all members.

Ms. Seimer gave an update about the County Small Business Saturday promotion. If you shop at a locally owned business on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, save your receipt and enter to win \$5,000 by texting Shop, Text, Win and registering your receipt. Ms. Seimer stated that last year, there were 1,200 registrants around the County. More information about the promotion will go out on social media and the City and the Chamber are working together to promote to all of the small, locally owned businesses. Mayor Massey added that he will be doing a proclamation at the November 12 City Council Meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

The Board discussed holding meetings every other month and calling special meetings if there is time sensitive business required by the Board.

Motion by Massey, support by Kumar, to hold Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Meetings bi-monthly starting after the November meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion about the potential to call in for meetings. Ms. Seimer stated that the CIA meetings are governed by the Open Meetings Act, which do not currently allow for proxy voting. However, a member could call into the meeting to hear the discussion about each item. Voting could take place on items after a member arrives.

Mayor Massey gave an update about Harrison High School. He recently spoke with a national investment group with incubator models for the third floor wet lab space. There is an opportunity for the CIA to be involved with ties back to Beaumont Hospital.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

It was confirmed that the next meeting date is November 1, 2018 at 8:00A M at the Jon Grant Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no objections, Mayor Massey adjourned the meeting at 9:04 AM.

Minutes drafted by: Samantha Seimer