



## **S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 1:00 PM  
UA Local 333 Plumbers and Pipefitters  
5405 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Lansing, MI 48911

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
2. Approval of S. MLK Jr. CIA Meeting Minutes (6.12.25)- **Action**
3. Updates on Corridor Projects- K. Washington
  - a. Marketing Efforts
  - b. Bus Shelter Art
  - c. Community Cleanup
4. Discussion on the BWL project- B. Pugh
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjournment



Andy Schor, Mayor

**South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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**Members Present:** Amanda Defrees, Kristina Schmidgall, Don  
"Moose" Sober, Dustin Howard, Mike Owsley

**Members Absent:**

**Facilitator Present:** Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC)

**Guests Present:** Paul Anderson (SWAG), Aaron Thomas (Standard  
Communities)

**Public:** Yanelis Lopez- Rey (La Mulata)

**Recorded by:** Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC)

**Call to Order/ Roll Call**

Chair Defrees called the meeting to order at 1:05

Chair Defrees suggested starting with "Other Business" first, to hear a presentation from Standard Communities on a new housing rehab project.

### **Other Business:**

Chair Defrees invited Aaron Thomos, a Senior representative from Standard Communities, to today's meeting. Standard Communities is a housing real estate, and redevelopment organization. Aaron presented on Standard Communities' new housing rehab project on the southwest side of Lansing. Aaron explained his organization's mission and purpose through purchasing and rehabbing existing housing complexes.

After the presentation, the conversation turned to the new BWL project along the corridor. Chair Defrees requested that we invite a BWL representative to the next meeting to discuss the project further

After wrapping up "Other Business", Chair Defrees moved to return to the original order of the agenda.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action**

- **S. MLK CIA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes**
- **S. MLK CIA Monthly Informational Meeting Minutes**

Member Schmidgall motioned to approve the slate of minutes from May.  
MOTION: Schmidgall, Seconded: Owsley

YEAS: Unanimous

### **Updates on SW Thrive:**

Paul (SWAG) provided a brief update on the status of the participants' grants.

### **Updates on Corridor Projects:**

#### **a. Marketing Effort**

Washington updated the group on the kickoff meeting with S. MLK's new marketing firm.

#### **b. Community Cleanup**

The board decided to reschedule the community cleanup.

#### **c. Bus Shelter**

Washington informed the group that the selected artist for the bus shelter project has been paid. She is working with CATA and Michigan Imaging to fabricate and

install the artwork.

**Public Comment**

NA

**Adjournment**

Motion: Owsley, Seconded by: Sober

1:53

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Amanda Defrees  
Chairperson, South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority