

**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Letts Community Center  
Thursday, May 15, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS: Kristi James (Chair Ward 4); Tirstan Walters (Vice-Chair Ward 1); Matthias Bell (Ward 4); **Courtney Cole (Ward 3)**; Flo Baerren (Ward 2); Brian Baer (Ward 1); MaryBeth VanHorn (Ward 1); Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski (Ward 2); Vacant (Ward 4); Vacant (Ward 3); Vacant (Ward 3); Vacant (Ward 2);

DNACE STAFF: Robin Anderson-King  
**Absences in bold**

CALL TO ORDER: 5:35 P.M., Letts Community Center

1. **ROLL CALL**: Quorum was met
2. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**: – None
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**: – Tirstan moved, Brian seconded – approved unanimously.
4. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES** – Brian moved, MaryBeth seconded – approved unanimously.  
April 17, 2025

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Grant Recommendations Approval – Vote

The Mayors Neighborhood Advisory Board voted on final recommendations for mini and large grants. The following board members recused themselves from voting on the grants from the organizations listed below:

- Flo Baerren – Cedarbrook Neighborhood
- MaryBeth VanHorn – Holmes Street School Community

Tirstan moved that the board approve funding for mini-grants, seconded by Brian. – Approved  
Chris moved that the board approve funding for large grants, seconded by Flo. – Approved

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Next Meeting Date? June 19<sup>th</sup> is a holiday.

- The board discussed and will not have a board meeting in June. We will come back for the next meeting in August.

B. Board member leaving

- Kristi announced that she will be stepping down from the board. She will not be returning for the upcoming year.

C. Board Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary nominations

- Since there will be no meeting in January, the board asked for nominations for the upcoming grant year.
- Brian nominated Christopher and Tirstan as co-chairs. Kristi nominated Matthias as secretary.

**7. UPDATES**

A. Mayor Updates – N/A

B. DNACE Updates

1. Parks & Recreation Grant Match Program is available at <https://www.lansingmi.gov/892/Grants>
2. Day of Service – Ranney Park, 9a-12p, May 17

3. Arts & Culture Commission Grant open until May 23. <https://www.lansingmi.gov/387/Building-Neighborhoods>
  4. Board mentioned other events in Lansing this weekend, including 517 Restaurant Week, 517 Day -The Best of Lansing Festival, 517 Day at Lansing Shuffle, Lugnuts, East Lansing Art Festival
- C. Next meeting  
- Thursday, August 21, 2025

**8. STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

- None

9. **ADJOURN** – 6:08 p.m. – Chris moved, Flo seconded – approved unanimously.