



Andy Schor, Mayor

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

June 12th, 2025

UA Local 333 Plumbers and Pipefitters
5405 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Lansing, MI 48911

Members Present:

Amanda Defrees, Kristina Schmidgall, Don
"Moose" Sober, Dustin Howard, Mike Owsley

Members Absent:

Facilitator Present:

Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC)

Guests Present:
Communities)

Paul Anderson (SWAG), Aaron Thomas (Standard

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

