



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Monday, December 16, 2019 @ 4:00 p.m.
Council Conference Room, City Hall 10th Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Hussain called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Hussain, Chair
Council Member Garza, Vice-Chair
Council Member Washington, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Lisa Hagen, Assistant City Attorney, Council Research Assistant
Greg Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney
Marcie Alling
Hannah Bryant, LEAP
Kris Klein, LEAP
Karl Dorshimer, LEAP
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney – arrived at 4:12 p.m. left at 4:15 p.m.
Bob VanArkel

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2019 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Reappointment of Marcie Alling; At-Large Member; Board of Zoning Appeals; Term to Expire June 30, 2022

Council Member Hussain did make note that Ms. Alling is currently on the BZA, current chairperson and her term expired earlier this year. He then briefly outlined the tasks of that Board. Ms. Alling introduce herself, noting she has been on the Board for 10 years, and this allows her to be involved and volunteer. Ms. Alling noted the BZA plays a role in addressing

issues that relate to the master plan and also deal with residential issues on fences, property lines and also signs. Council Member Hussain asked her how much stock she believed the BZA took in citizen input on BZA appeals, and Ms. Alling admitted it is a learning experience and they do take all citizen comments into thought.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER GARZA TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MARCIE ALLING TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Appointment of James McClurken; At-Large Member; Historic District Commission; Term to Expire June 30, 2022

Council Staff noted Mr. McClurken was invited, however was not able to attend because he was out of town and was made aware that this will be addressed on a 2020 agenda.

RESOLUTION – Intent to Create Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority

Council Member Hussain confirmed there were 2 public hearings held, and Council did not receive a lot of communications from the public and any they did get was in support of.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF THE GRAND RIVER.LANSING GATEWAY CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged LEAP for their work on the corridor authorities.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESOLUTION – Intent to Create South Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Corridor Improvement Authority

Council Member Hussain referenced the attachments to the resolution which spoke to location and it was the only North-South corridor established as a Corridor Authority.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WASHINGTON O APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

Brownfield Plan Status from LEAP

Mr. Klein and Mr. Dorshimer went through the document highlighting the breakdown of approved, active, complete, inactive or not approved plans, and projects underway awaiting approvals and a plan that is not yet active. Council Member Hussain suggested adding a column on when the tax capture was started, when it was actually captured and when it would end or did end. Mr. Klein provided an example of where Accident Fund was approved in 2009, but no capture will be done until 2021. Currently there are 24 plans active and capturing, and since this was presented Plan. Council Member Hussain noted there are 16 that are labeled “Project and Plan Completed” and asked if that means the city is getting full taxes now and it was confirmed. Mr. Dorshimer went through page 3 of the document which reflected 76 plans approved and of the last 30 plans, 27 have been completed reflecting a 90% success rate. Council Member Hussain asked if they meet with new journalists, and Mr. Dorshimer confirmed they do make attempts.

Council Member Hussain then asked for an update on the EDS site, and LEAP representatives stated they have not submitted their final report, have received some reimbursement requests, and LEAP has been to the site and it appears they have provided what was promised and on the site plan. Mr. Klein acknowledged they will double check the UDA to see when the completion date was. Lastly they would check to see when the closing date is with the new owners.

Façade Grant Status from LEAP

Council Member Hussain noted to the LEAP representatives he asked the document be reviewed at this Committee for any updates and questions and answers. Ms. Bryant distributed an additional map which noted the 2019/2020 Façade Improvement Program Pre-Application locations. She noted that in the upcoming year they have 3 applications guaranteed, they are waiting on 3 applications that needed additional information for approval, and the total received was 25 including those six. The balance of that 25 are still waiting on full applications to be considered for the matching funds. Council Member Hussain asked if they had seen an increase of applications since the recent discussions at public meetings. Ms. Bryant acknowledged they are seeing a larger interest in the program, but there is still time involved for the pre-application, and if they meeting that there is a lag on the applicants side to complete the full application and return it to be considered. Council Member Hussain asked if they had reached out to Mr. Zack Driver (City Corridor Inspector) so he is aware of the program and can promote it when he is talking to businesses. Ms. Bryant stated they have not spoken about any address specifically, but did provide him education on the program so he could become familiar with it. Based on their discussion, she believed that Mr. Driver was making businesses aware of it. Lastly Ms. Bryant made the Committee aware that a full max match is \$20,000; micro project would be \$10,000 and lower is \$2,000. The Committee reviewed the pre-application map and discussed areas of growth where those businesses are already receiving other financial benefits. It was noted there is criteria of proximity to other awards. Mr. Dorshimer noted that the Mayor makes the final approval so there is an outside source, and Ms. Bryant added that the Design Committee will actually make the recommendation that is taken to the Mayor. Council Member Washington asked them to speak to Old Town Association, REO Town, SWAG and the Southside Business Association. Ms. Bryant confirmed full applications were set to all those groups.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak,

Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee January 27, 2020