



**Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, February 20, 2026 – 8:30 AM
Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster Ave., Room 211
Lansing, MI 48910**

Members Present: Jon Lum, Katherine (Katie) Hubbard, L. Peter Clark, Tim Daman, Elaine Barr, Jeffery Hank

Mayoral Designee:

Members Absent: (excused or unexcused)

Facilitator Present: Kahleea Washington (LEDC)

Public Present: Ethan Schmitt

Recorded by: Katherine (Katie) Hubbard

Call to Order/Roll call: 8:32 AM

Chair Lum welcomed everyone and called the MACIA Board of Directors meeting to order.

Approval of January 16, 2026, MACIA Meeting Minutes - Action

MOTION: Elaine Barr, Motion seconded by Tim Daman.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Approval of the Amended Block 2000 Financials-Action

Chair Lum and others thought that the CRCF was covering the funds for the design costs (Studio Intrigue) to help get the Façade Improvement project started. Lum will reach out to Laurie/CRCF to get clarity regarding if that expense was to be shared with the Board.

Motion to Approve Resolution: Tim Daman, Motion seconded by Elaine Barr. None opposed. Motion carried.

Updates on CIA Projects

1. Corridor Banners

Kahleea checked with Capital Imaging re: in-house graphic design; there is not an option available there. Katie expressed support for hiring a local graphic design firm.

Tim Daman had a suggestion for a graphic designer that we might be able to hire. He is going to forward her name/contact info.

Jon mentioned the possibility of needing to use BWL for installation – there might be only certain groups who are authorized to install. Kahleea will check on guidelines and approved vendors.

Chair Lum mentioned that he and Katie Hubbard had met with a representative from the UM Health-Sparrow SPA, located on the 3rd floor of the Professional building, to learn more about their Preferred Vendor Program, which has three tiers, each with various perks/promotions: Free, \$100, and \$500. Jon suggested the possibility that the board might cover costs for the lowest paid level for one year or offer a scholarship for those interested in upgrades.

The Board discussed possible pros/cons and if businesses along Michigan Avenue would find this opportunity of interest. Elaine mentioned potential issues with set-up for small business owners– (ie may need to create a new system to be able to offer discounts/incentives to Sparrow employees). Peter Clark mentioned that there may not be the same benefit to their business as others.

Katie will check with the SPA to find out if the Business/Vendor directory is becoming more accessible with the upgrades the program will be soon undergoing and will find out if MACIA could purchase an upgraded membership and invite businesses from along the Avenue to participate with tables (4x's?/year). Jeffery Hank expressed support for moving forward to investigate further.

2. Business Directory

Charlie gathered information 6-7 years ago initially. Kahleea updated recently. The Board discussed boundaries – the Starbucks at the Depot is our West boundary line. Chair Lum mentioned that Laurie had list of email contact info and had planned to share it.

Other Business

Ethan Schmitt asked about any follow-up on the potential for part-time work and what that might look like. The Board discussed if we might self-administer that role or if the person would be an employee of LEDC. The possibility of splitting an employee with other CIA's was also discussed.

It was pointed out that previously we had a 3-month agreement with Jennifer who was an independent contractor. Chair Lum estimated \$8,075/month for the 3-month contract.

Kahleea noted that South MLK has a contracted employee (Paul). She will bring a budget to the March MACIA meeting. Their agreement was for \$15,000-\$25,000. 5-25 hours/month. Website, communication with businesses, point of contact for businesses, attend monthly meetings, other duties as available.

Tim Daman raised the point about the challenges that come from having CIA Board of volunteers tasked with improving and maintaining the City's 14-million-dollar investment.

7. Adjournment

Chair Lum adjourned the Michigan Avenue Board of Directors at 9:50 a.m.


Jonathan Lum, Chair
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority