



**Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2026 – 8:30 AM
Foster Community Center
200 N. Foster Ave., Room 211
Lansing, MI 48910**

Members Present: L. Peter Clark, Jeffrey Hank, Elaine Barr, Jon Lum

Mayoral Designee:

Members Absent: Brandon List (excused), Katherine (Katie) Hubbard (excused), Tim Daman (excused)

Facilitator Present: Kahleea Washington (Lansing EDC), Ethan Schmitt

Guest Present: Kris Klein (President, Lansing EDC); Amiee Evans (Director of Economic Development, Lansing EDC); Scott Gillespie (Owner, The Gillespie Company); Andy Fedewa (City of Lansing, Economic Development and Planning Department); Ryan Sheilds (City of Lansing, Economic Development and Planning Department)

Public Present:

Recorded by: Kahleea Washington

Call to Order/Roll call

Chair Lum called the MACIA Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. The board did not have a quorum at the time. Board Member Barr joined the meeting at 8:38, giving the group a quorum.

Approval of May 15, 2026, MACIA Meeting Minutes – Action

The present board members reviewed the proposed meeting minutes and had no edits. Chair Lum tabled the action item until the board had a quorum. After Board Member Barr joined the meeting at 8:38, they returned to this agenda item and acted.

MOTION: Member Clark; Motion seconded by Member Hank.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Andy Fedewa and Ryan Sheilds from the City of Lansing Economic Development and Planning office introduced themselves. Fedewa provided the vacancy survey requested by the board, and wanted to be here to provide any additional information.

Scott Gillespie from the Gillespie Company provided an update on the new MSU Childcare facility and welcomed the board for tours. Gillespie also updated the board on the Block 2000 Façade Project, stating that he is waiting on the roofing contractor to complete the project.

Update on the Corridor Projects

- a) **Website:** Director of Special Projects, Ethan Schmitt, presented to revamp website to the board and demonstrated how to access and use the Wix platform. The next steps for the website are to connect the "Dotheavenue.com" domain to the new site.
- b) **Photography:** Integrated into the new website are the corridor photos that the board approved at the previous meeting.
- c) **Corridor Banners:** Washington provided an update that the banner locations and the fabrication company have been finalized. She will continue working with MACIA's contractors, including BWL, to complete the project by the end of summer.

Vacant Properties Update:

Washington highlighted the vacancy survey included in the packet and explained key points from the vacancy reports provided by the City Assessor. The board had a general discussion of the report's findings and how they may compare them with other corridors in the city/area.

The next steps for MACIA are drafting the corridor's business grant guidelines to fit the needs of businesses according to the report and other findings.

Update on the LEDC and CIA Service Agreement

Washington presented the Contract for Services between the Lansing EDC and the City of Lansing Corridor Improvement Authorities. The document was included in the meeting packet and outlines the scope of work for Kahleea's role as well as areas where additional support may be possible. Representatives from the Lansing EDC, President Kris Klein, and Director of Economic Development Amiee Evans were present to address any questions or concerns.

The board made general inquiries about the length of the agreement, the billing structure for additional service hours, and the timeline of execution and negotiations. The board chair is expected to finalize the agreement with the LEDC.

Board Member Clark made a motion to authorize Chair Lum to negotiate, finalize, and execute on the MACIA's behalf, the FY2027 Contract for Services with the Lansing EDC."

Motion: Member Clark supported by Member Barr

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval for Google Workspace- Action

Director of Special Projects, Ethan Schmitt requested \$264.00/year from the board to purchase the Google Workspace platform for the MACIA. The platform includes personalized emails and a shared workspace for the board.

Motion: Member Barr supported by Member Clark

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Michigan Avenue Fall Festival Proposal- Action

Director of Special Projects, Ethan Schmitt, presented on the proposed Michigan Ave. Fall Festival in September 2026. The presentation was included in the packet and provided a throughout overview of the potential plan for the event and consultants to work with.

The board engaged the representatives of the City's Economic Development and Planning department regarding best practices for the event's location and alcohol service.

The board asked general logistics questions, but supported the proposal. Member Clark made a motion to delegate the chair to act on and finalize the proposal.

Motion: Member Clark supported by Member Hank

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Other Business

NA

Adjournment

Member Barr made a motioned to Adjourn the meeting at 9:37 AM. Chair Lum seconded.

The Michigan Avenue Board of Directors at 9:37 AM.

Jonathan Lum, Chair
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority