



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Monday, August 23, 2021@ 5:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spitzley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT via audio/video

Council Member Spitzley, Chair-
Council Member Garza, Vice-Chair- excused
Council Member Hussain, Member

OTHERS PRESENT via audio/video

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Greg Venker, OCA
Amanda Defrees

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 3, 2021 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Amanda Defrees; South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Authority Board of Directors

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged Ms. Defrees for her willingness to serve.

Ms. Defrees first spoke briefly on the business she is part owner in; 517 Coffee on S. MLK, and also noted she was a resident of the South Lansing area as well, so she strongly supports the ideas of the Board and is excited to serve. She added that she also works fulltime at MSUFCU, and because how community involved they are, she is anxious to bring the same community drive to the Board.

Council Member Hussain acknowledged Ms. Defrees for her business involvement and asked what her goals or visions would be for that corridor.

Ms. Defrees noted she hope there would be more new business owners or tenants coming to the area to bring life to the corridor, and with this role on the Board she hoped to be able to

assist with making that happen. Ms. Defrees did note that the challenge in the area is the visibility. She then asked how long this Board has been established.

Council Member Spitzley agreed with the need for businesses on that corridor, and was looking for a vision for economic development for that corridors.

Ms. Defrees agreed that this area is different the Old Town or REO Town, so she is excited to brainstorm with the other board members.

Council Member Hussain responded to the earlier question on establishment, noting it was created in 2019, and in 2020 they started filling the board seats. He then noted he hoped with recently funding and advocacy there could be attention put towards topography. The group then held a brief discussion on the speeding in the area.

Council Member Spitzley suggested façade improvement on the smaller businesses, and outreach to smaller businesses to make them aware of the assistance that is available to them.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER HUSSAIN TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMANDA DEFREES TO THE S. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 7/31/2025. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 7, 2021