

**Lansing Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 10, 2021 – 8:30 AM
LEAP Office
1000 S. Washington Ave. Ste. 201
Lansing, MI 48910**

Members Present: Calvin Jones, Tom Muth, Brian McGrain, Michael McKissic, Blake Johnson (8:48 AM), Andrea Binoniemi

Members Absent: Shelley Davis-Boyd (excused), Tom Donaldson (excused), Kim Coleman

Staff Present: Karl Dorshimer, Kris Klein, Hannah Bryant, Kambriana Gates, Zachary Crawford

Guests: -

Call to Order / Rollcall

Chair Jones called the LEDC Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:36 A.M. Rollcall was called by Klein and recorded for public record.

Approval of LEDC Board Meeting Minutes – Friday, August 6, 2021

MOTION: McGrain moved to approve the LEDC meeting minutes from the Friday, August 6, 2021, LEDC Board of Director's meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Muth.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Update on Financials

Klein provided a brief update on the LEDC financials.

Sweet Encounters LEDC Micro-Loan Request (ACTION)

Gates provided an overview of the request and the business model of Sweet Encounters. Member Muth provided further details regarding the loan committee decision and Sweet Encounters request. The loan term and details can be found in the board's packet.

MOTION: Muth moved to approve the Micro-Loan request for Sweet Encounters, as presented. Motion seconded by Binoniemi.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Program Update

a) Lansing CARES

Klein gave an update on the CARES program and provided the board a brief overview of the timeline. Member Muth asked regarding the amount that is still available for the program, where Klein shared that there is about \$200,000 remaining.

b) Sunrise Grant Program – Ingham County

Klein discussed the current grants that have been disbursed through the Sunrise program, including the Retail, Goods and Services, and Tourism and Hospitality Service Providers. Klein provided details regarding the ratio of the ones that are within the city of Lansing. Klein stated that the additional categories are still under reviewed and we will update the board when those are dispersed.

c) Presentation by Zach Crawford – LEAP Development Intern

Bryant introduced Zachary Crawford, the summer Development intern. Crawford presented on the LEDC Site Committee work and focused on three sites within the city. Chair Jones noted about working closely with the Lansing Township when the sites border it. Member Binoniemi expressed how great the presentation was. Member Muth made note to ensure to work with the community and bring them together regarding the sites, but most importantly with the Logan Square property. Member Muth additionally noted that seeing a connection to Frances Park from Grand River Park would be a great attraction such as foot bridge. Member McGrain expressed the city's work and communication recently with Logan Square and shared the S.MLK CIA has extended an offer to a fellow who will start in October to focus on the corridor.

d) LEDC Site Committee

Chair Jones noted the Committee will meet soon to continue the conversations about Zach's presentation and the board's comments to continue the Committee's efforts.

e) One&All

Bryant updated the board on the 4th cohort of the LEAP One&All program. It was noted that cohort is now halfway through the program and graduation is scheduled for October 7th for the participants.

Project and Tour Updates

Dorshimer walked through the LEDC current project updates and recent project photos from the site tours.

Open Forum for LEDC Board Members

Chair Jones expressed that it would be great to have a One&All participant come to a board meeting to talk about the program and their business.

Other Business

None was provided.

Public Comment

None was provided.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Jones declared the LEDC Board of Director's meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Karl Dorshimer, Director of Economic Development
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