

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

Members Present: Calvin Jones, Brian McGrain, Michael McKissic (8:36am), Andrea Binoniemi, Shelley Davis-Boyd, Kim Coleman

Members Absent: Tom Muth (excused), Tom Donaldson (excused), Blake Johnson (excused)

Staff Present: Karl Dorshimer, Kris Klein, Hannah Bryant, Kambriana Gates, Torrell Christian

Guests:

Call to Order

Chair Jones called the LEDC Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:57 A.M.

Approval of LEDC Board Meeting Minutes – Friday, September 10, 2021

MOTION: Coleman moved to approve the LEDC meeting minutes from the Friday, September 10, 2021, LEDC Board of Director's meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Davis-Boyd.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Update on Financials

Klein provided a brief update on the LEDC financials.

Program Update

a) South MLK CIA Fellow

Bryant introduced Torrell to the board, who will be working for 15-months as a fellow for the S.MLK CIA. Torrell introduced himself and shared how excited he is for this opportunity. Bryant also informed the board it was her last day and that Kambriana will be working on the corridor improvement authorities and the façade improvement program. Additionally, it was mentioned that the posting for the new position is online at the LEAP Website.

b) Lansing CARES

Klein gave an update on the CARES program and provided the board a brief overview of the timeline and the funds committed.

c) Sunrise Grant Program – Ingham County

Klein provided an update on the Sunrise Grant Program by Ingham County and the status of the different categories.

d) LEDC Site Committee

Dorshimer provided a brief update on the Committee regarding Zach's presentation and the three sites that were reviewed. The site committee will meet next week to talk through the next steps of the three sites he presented on.

e) One&All

Bryant updated the board on the 4th cohort of the LEAP One&All program who had their graduation last night. Chair Jones requested to have a past One&All participant to share their experience to the board so staff will prepare for the next meeting to have Anum, the program manager and a One&All graduate to present. Member Binoniemi had a couple questions regarding the mentor part of the program, that member McGrain and Davis-Boyd was answered. Member Binoniemi is interested in being a mentor, Bryant will share with Anum her information.

Project Updates

Dorshimer walked through the LEDC current project updates and the Block 600 award. Chair Jones requested photos of the projects that were awarded for the LEDC.

Open Forum for LEDC Board Members

Chair Jones and the Mayor visited FlexCity who was awarded several Covid-19 grants. Chair Jones shared that they were very appreciative of the funds and were able to hire additional employees with the funds.

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 9:19 a.m.



Karl Dorshimer, Director of Economic Development
Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)