



Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 3, 2021 – 8:30 AM
LEAP Office
1000 S. Washington Ave. Ste. 201
Lansing, MI 48910

Mask Requirement:
Face coverings are required by all Board Members, staff,
and members of the public at this meeting.

MINUTES

Members Present: Calvin Jones, Michael McKissic, Andrea Binoniemi, Shelley Davis-Boyd, Tom Donaldson, Blake Johnson

Members Absent: Kim Coleman (excused), Brian McGrain (excused), Dr. Alane Laws-Barker (excused)

Staff Present: Karl Dorshimer, Kris Klein, Kambriana Gates, Torrell Christian, Tony Willis

Guests: Jake Brower (City of Lansing), Brian Lefler

Call to Order

Chair Jones called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation meeting to order at 9:39AM

Approval of LEDC Board Meeting Minutes – Friday, November 5, 2021

MOTION: Binoniemi moved to approve the LBRA meeting minutes from the Friday, November 5, 2021, LBRA Board of Director's meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Davis-Boyd.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Update on Financials

Klein gave a brief update on the financials with main points of highlights.

Equitable Economic Development Programming Resolution (ACTION)

Gates shared a recap of the presentation from the last LEDC meeting about Equitable Economic Development. Resolution was provided which Gates walked through the six program areas of the proposal. Gates explained that LEAP will present the proposal at the Community ARPA Discussion on behalf of the LEDC and will refine their presentation and proposal to formally share with the board if approved. Chair Jones motioned to have the resolution approved by the board which Johnson moved and Binoniemi seconded.

MOTION: Johnson motioned to approve the resolution and Binoniemi seconded.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Program Updates

- a. Façade Improvement Program:
 - i. Gates shared that the Façade Improvement is opening in January and will shared the flyer with the board once available. Board members asked the amount reimbursed and when the application will open along with the deadline. Gates shared that the program is a reimbursement up to \$20,000 and that the application will open January 03, 2022 and will close March 01, 2022.
- b. Sunrise Grant Program – Ingham County
 - i. Klein shared an update on Ingham county and LEAP grants for businesses and community organizations.
- c. LEDC Site Committee
 - i. Covered in LBRA meeting

Project Updates

Dorshimer shared that due to downtown workers continuing to work remotely the effect on downtown retain businesses has been dramatic. He said that converting vacant office space to other uses such as residential is needed. He also said that potential state programs to assist with this repurposing are in the works and the LEDC will be pursuing them.

2022 Board Meeting Schedule and Election of Officers (DISCUSSION)

Chair Jones shared that member McKissic will contact the board members about the scheduling. The scheduling will be approved in January.

Open Forum for LEDC Board Members

Chair Jones shared the park in downtown Lansing put the memorial which Klein gave an update. There is the plaque and artwork, waiting on the pouring of the concrete.

Other Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Chair Jones called the Lansing Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors meeting to adjourn at 9:56AM.