



MINUTES
Committee on Development and Planning
Wednesday, April 27, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Patricia Spitzley, Vice-Chair - excused
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Teresa Stokes
Cathleen Edgerly, DLI
Greg Venker, OCA

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MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY-JACKSON TO APPROVE THE APRIL 13, 2022 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

Presentations

Downtown Lansing, Inc. – Comprehensive Market Analysis Vendor & Next Steps

Ms. Edgerly provided an update on the transition process of downtown, plan and goals. In the transition they want to not just recover from the pandemic, but rebound stronger than before. This include reimagining and rebuilding. Goals included diversifying the business mix and reduce vacancy by end of 2023. In addition they are looking at retention policies and industries that can go into second story or above buildings. Part of the presentation was an overview of the document in the packet.

Council Member Garza asked about residential units, and if there was a plan for parking, including charges stations. Ms. Edgerly confirmed they have had discussions with charging station funding and locations. In addition they have ongoing discussions with property owners and their parking. Council Member Jackson asked if there are shortages in residential, are there vacancies in downtown and Ms. Edgerly confirmed there are a few vacancies in downtown. Council Member Jackson asked about the retention for businesses, and asked which businesses trend towards office spaces. Ms. Edgerly confirmed they are and looking into their hybrid models.

Council Member Garza asked if there are plans to put entertainment on Washington Avenue for after 5 pm. Ms. Edgerly stated currently what is under construction remodel are the two, but nothing she is aware of for the future. Council Member Garza then asked for bullet points to distribute to other Council Members.

Discussion/Action

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Teresa Stokes; Business Owner member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority; Term to Expire July 31, 2022

Council Member Garza asked for her opinion on the vision for S. MLK. Ms. Stokes admitted it is different from when she used to live in the area, but what she sees for the corridor now is to improve the structures there, creating safe spaces, addressing violence in the area, create opportunities for a safe space for people to go.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TERESA STOKES AS A BUSINESS OWNER OF THE S. MLK JR. BLVD. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY; TERM TO EXPIRE JULY 31, 2022. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Garza asked Ms. Stokes to attend the Council meeting on May 9, 2022 for the final action. Ms. Stokes confirmed.

Other

No other topics to discuss at this time.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Submitted by Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved as corrected by the Committee on May 11, 2022