



Andy Schor, Mayor

**Lansing Gateway Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2022 – 3:00 PM**

Members Present: Jo Sinha, Bob Van Arkle, Diane Hartwell, Alicia Gonzales, Steve Bohnet, Robert Benstein

Members Absent:

Facilitator Present: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Guests Present:

Public: Andy Fedewa, Stephen Bezold, Zach Driver

Recorded by: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Christian called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. Roll call was called by Christian and recorded for public record.

Approval of Lansing Gateway CIA Meeting Minutes (December 20, 2022) - Action

MOTION: Sinha moved to approve the Lansing Gateway CIA Meeting Minutes from December 20, 2022. Motion seconded by Bohnet.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

MSU Practicum

Christian provided an update on the MSU Practicum and the scope that the students would be focused on for the Lansing Gateway corridor. Gonzales asked about cost and Christian expressed that there is a \$5,000 cost and that

businesses on the corridor can help support in conjunction with the authority. Sinha mentioned that Peckham Inc. can contribute \$1,000 toward the cost. Bohnet inquired about grants to cover the cost. Christian mentioned that there is a grant through the MSU Center for Community and Economic Development, but the LEDC didn't apply for that assistance in order to have a more competitive application. Christian discussed the using ARPA funds designated to the authority.

Discussion followed on potential projects such as social media accounts, visioning sessions, as well as having other CIA members attend a future meeting to provide a primer for the board.

CEDAM Fellow

Christian shared that the City of Lansing had been selected to host a CEDAM Fellow that would focus full-time on the corridor and discussed the scope of work for the fellow. Christian mentioned that he was in the fellowship program before his employment with the LEDC and detailed the experience. Christian shared the benefit of having an individual focus solely on the Lansing Gateway corridor and the ability of the individual to seek additional funding opportunities. Christian mentioned that there was a \$10,000 program fee and the City of Lansing will be paying \$5,000 toward the fee.

Lansing Gateway CIA Bylaws

Christian provided an overview of the CIA bylaws and the process for them to be adopted.

Approval of 2023 Lansing Gateway CIA Board Meeting Schedule – Action

MOTION: Benstein moved to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Schedule, as presented. Motion seconded by Sinha.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

2023 Election of Officers – Action

The following slate was proposed:

Chair: Robert Benstein
Vice Chair: Diane Hartwell

Treasurer: Steve Bohnet

MOTION: Benstein moved to approve the officer slate, as proposed. Motion seconded by Sinha.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

Andy Fedewa, Stephen Bezold, and Zach Driver introduced themselves and their roles with the City of Lansing Economic Development & Planning Department. Fedewa expressed that he is at the disposal of the authority.

Adjournment

Christian moved to adjourn the Lansing Gateway CIA Board of Directors Meeting at 4:03 pm.

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Robert Benstein, Chair
Lansing Gateway CIA