



Andy Schor, Mayor

**S. MLK Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2023 – 1:00 PM**

Members Present: Amanda Defrees, Teresa Stokes,
Price Dobernack, Don "Moose" Sober

Members Absent: Nikki Soldan (excused)

Facilitator Present: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Guests Present: Pastor Koye Bouyer

Public: Keyante Saxon, Jeremy Garza, Tiffini Swinton,
Rebecca Nobles

Recorded by: Aurelius Christian (LEDC)

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Chair Dobernack called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Roll call was called by Klein and recorded for public record.

Approval of S. MLK Meeting Minutes (November 17, 2022) - Action

MOTION: Defrees moved to approve the S.MLK Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022, as presented. Motion seconded by Stokes.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Approval of S. MLK Informational Meeting Minutes (November 17, 2022) - Action

MOTION: Defrees moved to approve the S.MLK Informational Meeting Minutes from November 17, 2022, as presented. Motion seconded by Stokes.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Defrees moved to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule, as presented. Motion seconded by Stokes.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Maple Grove School Property Discussion

Defrees introduced the Maple Grove School Property. Bouyer introduced himself and gave an overview of his history in Lansing and starting Kingdom Life Ministries and he introduced Rebecca Nobles as the church administrator.

He further explained that the property came up for auction. They had thought about playgrounds, parks, and a community center to install in the 9-acre property.

Bouyer received a letter in the mail that City of Lansing will begin enforcing taxes. Stokes inquired about Bouyer covering the cost of the taxes, to which Bouyer responded that he won't have an issue paying the taxes. Christian offered to reach out to the Assessor to identify the amount of property taxes that would be owed.

Bouyer went on to discuss the contamination of the property and estimates \$300,000 - \$600,000 for demolition.

Bouyer talked about bringing the attractive things that other communities have into the Lansing community and showing the community something different to change its mindset. Defrees talked about opportunities to beautify the property in the short term. Saxon described a project he is working on finding owners with sites for public art/murals, activation of spaces.

Garza inquired about any recent code violations. Bouyer responded it has been 6 months since a violation and that he receives one bill a year from violations.

Swinton inquired about parks on the property.

Garza asked about access to the property, Bouyer said they have closed off entrances for vehicles. Dobernick asked what park equipment is there. Bouyer responded that there was a jungle gym, monkey bars, and basketball court.

Dobernick stated he would be able to gather tools and people to remove the jungle gym. Bouyer also mentioned using the land for sports programs. Garza mentioned reaching out to Delisa Fountain for potential activation events. The discussion was opened to ideas on what the community needs. Defrees mentioned the idea of a dog park.

Stokes asked if bouyer would be opened to a vocational training location. Garza mentioned the CTE program that takes place at the Alfreda Schmidt Community Center.

S.MLK CIA Mission and Vision Discussion

Christian gave an overview of the S. MLK Corridor Improvement Authority, including its goals and objectives.

Garza mentioned the spring cleanup and having the Maple Grove School as a community project.

Election of Officers

The following slate was proposed:

Chair: Price Dobernick
Vice Chair: Amanda Defrees
Treasurer: Teresa Stokes
Secretary: Nikki Soldan

MOTION: Defrees moved to approve the officer slate, as proposed. Motion seconded by Stokes.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Other Business

Christian explained the upcoming Logan Square Redevelopment Community Input Session on January 31st, 2023 at 6:00 pm at Logan Square. He explained that it will be led by the project's consultants from Place and Main and Archive DS.

Public Comment

Swinton mentioned the experiences she's had in other communities and the aesthetics of the entrance into those communities. Dobernick encouraged Swinton to continue to participate in future meetings.

Saxton updated on the OURspace 517 financial wellness weekend. Asked if anyone was a member of community events hosted in Logan Square. Defrees discussed her concerns about the state of the parking lot.

Adjournment

Chair Dobernick moved to adjourn the S.MLK Board of Directors Meeting at 2:15 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Price Dobernick', is written over a horizontal line. To the left of the line is a small 'x' mark.

Price Dobernick
S.MLK CIA, Chair