



**S. Marting Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

March 21st, 2024, 1 pm
Capitol City Apartments
3200 S Washington Ave, Lansing, MI 48910

Members Present: Price Dobernack, Don Sober, Amanda Defrees,
Kristina Schmidgall

Members Absent: Theresa Stokes

Facilitator Present: Alex Watkins

Guests Present:

Public: Erin Buitendorp, Ali Bennett, Deyanita Martinez

Recorded by: Alex Watkins

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Dobernack called meeting to order at 1:13 pm, and there are enough members present for quorum.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action:

Motion to approve March meeting minutes. Holding off on approving prior meeting minutes until later meeting.

Defrees motioned, Sober Second.

Unanimously approved.

Thriving Communities Update: The board discussed the upcoming April 18th Thriving Communities capacity builders visit. Subjects that were covered were the Logan Square Project, Maple Groove School, 3700 Waverly, Pleasant Grove School.

Information and update to CATA bus Stops: This topic was pushed back to another meeting as we did not have representative from Kingdom Ministries or CATA in attendance.

Vote on 2024 Meeting Schedule -Action

S. MLKCIA vote to keep meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 1pm. The S. MLKCIA is also keeping the meeting location at The Plumbers and Pipefitter Union Hall.

Dobernack and seconded by Defreese.

Unanimously approved.

Board Elections -Action:

S. MLKCIA vote to keep the board leadership the same as last year.

Motion from Dobernack and seconded by Defreese.

Unanimously approved.

Other Business:

Watkins spoke about capture funding. Will do a full presentation at May board meeting. The board had an extended conversation about the uses of the money. Questions were brought up about the board using the funds for local business. The Development and Finance Plan details what capture funds can be used for and will address opportunities at the May board meeting.

The board talked about bringing on Paul Anderson of South-West Action Group to assist with the completion of projects. This will allow the board to have a dedicated person to help complete projects. A portion of MKL capture or ARPA funding would be used to pay Anderson. The board would like a list of tasks and duties Anderson would be responsible for before approving. Will revisit this at the May meeting.

Public Comment: Ms. Martinez from Michigan State University spoke as she was in attendance to learn about what the board does and sat in on the meeting.

Adjournment: Dobernack adjourned meeting at 2:02 pm

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Price Dobernack, Chairman

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