



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

April 18th, 2024, 1 pm
Plumber and Pipefitters Union Hall
Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI 48910

Members Present: Price Dobernick, Amanda Defrees, Kristina Schmidgall

Members Absent: Theresa Stokes, Don Sober

Facilitator Present: Alex Watkins

Guests Present:

Public: Erin Buitendorp, Ali Bennett, Paul Anderson, Pastor Coye Boyer, Dustin Howard, Churchill Down Neighborhood President, Rudy Faust, Rachel Aland, Naomi Doerner, Jackie Lombardi

Recorded by: Alex Watkins

Call to Order/ Roll Call: Dobernick called meeting to order at 1:05 pm, and there are enough members present for quorum.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action:

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

Defrees motioned, Sober Second.

Unanimously approved.

Thriving Communities Presentation:

Nakajima reviewed the purpose of Thriving Communities Grant and presented on the community impact the community funds can have. Listed below are the key takeaways from the presentation and discussion.

- Information about upcoming roadway projects is not always reaching the people who would like to be informed.
- A proactive approach to informing and engaging with the community may support long-term trust-building.
- Lansing has a robust social infrastructure of community organizations that can support information sharing about upcoming transportation projects and solicit feedback from community members during the planning process.
- More coordination with the City's Neighborhoods, Arts, and Citizen Engagement Department to conduct public engagement is desired.

Other Business: Pastor Boye spoke about the current status of Maple Grove school. He also spoke about future plans that are being considered for the location. Pastor Boyer is open to any type of city assistance as well as working with corridor. Pastor Boyer plans to be involved in future MLK CIA meetings.

The South MLK CIA took a bus tour put together by Dobernick of the corridor as well as the area that is represented in the Thriving Communities grant.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Dobernick adjourned meeting at 1:45 pm

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Price Dobernick, Chairman
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