



Andy Schor, Mayor

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

May 23<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 1 pm

Plumber and Pipefitters Union Hall

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Lansing, MI 48910

- Members Present:** Price Dobernick, Amanda Defrees, Don Sober
- Members Absent:** Theresa Stokes, Kristina Schmidgall
- Facilitator Present:** Alex Watkins (LEDC), Kahleea Washington (LEDC)
- Guests Present:** Tiana Gillis (MDOT), Andrea Strach (MDOT), Scott Cook (MDOT)
- Public:** David Wiener, Paul Anderson, Pastor Coye Boyer, members of Kingdom Life Ministries Church
- Recorded by:** Alex Watkins

**Call to Order/ Roll Call:** Dobernick called meeting to order at 1:04 pm, enough members present for quorum.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action:**

Motion to approve April meeting minutes.

Defrees motioned, Sober Second.

Unanimously approved.

**MDOT/ City of Lansing Pedestrian Crossing Presentation:**

Gillis and Strach reviewed the reasons for installing the pedestrian crossings on South MLK Blvd. They also discuss how MDOT decides where pedestrian locations are going to be placed. They reviewed the four locations in which the pedestrian crossings are going to be installed and also went over what maintenance will be needed to ensure the upkeep of the pedestrian islands. The main decision was whether or not to add flowers and landscaping to the

pedestrian islands or leave the islands as cement blocks. The board decided that landscaping and flowers would be a great addition to the corridor and that they would like to see pedestrian islands with this feature. It was discussed that MDOT would provide the maintenance for the pedestrian islands in the first two years and that S MLK CIA would provide maintenance for the next three years. Annual estimates for upkeep of the islands was also discussed as well as the decision to higher and outside company to perform the maintenance tasks.

**Approval to add action item of Pedestrian Island Maintenance to the agenda – Action**

Motion to approve Pedestrian Island Maintenance to the agenda.  
Defrees motioned, Sober Second.  
Unanimously approved.

**Approval to be responsible for maintenance of Pedestrian Island in years 3 -5 – Action**

Motion to approve to be responsible for maintenance of Pedestrian Island in years 3 -5  
Defrees motioned, Sober Second.  
Unanimously approved.

**Approval to use tax capture for Pedestrian Island maintenance in years 3 -5 – Action**

Motion to use tax capture for Pedestrian Island Maintenance.  
Defrees motioned, Sober Second.  
Unanimously approved.

**Project Management Proposal:**

The South MLK corridor improvement authority reviewed the project management proposal provided by southwest Action Group. Anderson spoke about his commitment to southwest Lansing and assisting the South MLK CIA as well as his experience in working with community and project development/ management. It was decided that there are a few items that need to be added to the proposal before the board votes upon acceptance. This item was tabled until the June meeting.

**Other Business:** Pastor Bouyer went into further detail about the environmental studies being done on Maple Grove elementary. He also talked about working with the city to make sure that was being done with the current state of the building will be safe for the neighborhood. Pastor Bouyer also talked about other community entities that could be a part of the neighbor Grove redevelopment.

Dobernick spoke about his opportunity to be promoted within the plumbers and pipe-fitters' union and in the upcoming months would be resigning from the board due to additional job responsibilities. Members of the board thank Dobernick for his leadership and support over the years.

Washington discussed her proposal for street sign toppers. She passed out literature about what street sign toppers are and how they promote the corridor. Discussion was had by the board on name branding the corridor. Further discussion about this proposal in June.

**Public Comment:**

**Adjournment:** Dobernick adjourned meeting at 2:10 pm

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Price Dobernick, Chairman  
S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Improvement Authority