



S. Martin Luther King Jr. Corridor Improvement Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 20th, 2024 – 1:00 PM
UA Local 333 Plumbers and Pipefitters
5405 S Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Lansing, MI 48911

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call
2. Approval of S. MLK CIA Meeting Minutes (May 16, 2024) – **Action**
3. Thriving Communities Presentation
4. Approval of FY2022/2023 S. MLK CIA Budget Amendment- **Action**
 - a. Attached Amended FY2022/2023 S. MLK CIA Budget
5. Approval of FY2023/2024 S. MLK CIA Budget- **Action**
 - a. Attached Proposed FY2023/2024 S. MLK CIA Budget
6. Approval of Corridor Signage Design- **Action**
7. Approval of Project Management Proposal- **Action**
8. Other Business
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment



Andy Schor, Mayor

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

May 23th, 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

South MLK Corridor Improvement Authority

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 Amended Budget

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 Proposed Budget

	FY 2023 Budget Actuals	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2024 Amended Budget	FY 2025 Proposed Budget
Revenues				
Tax Increment Revenue	-	12,629	121,767	161,228
Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	-	12,629	121,767	161,228
Expenditures				
Corridor Development Plan	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Beginning Fund Balance	-	-	-	121,767
To/(From) Fund Balance	-	12,629	121,767	161,228
Ending Fund Balance	-	12,629	121,767	282,995



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S. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD.

Proposal for Consulting Community Development Services

To: MLK Community Improvement Authority (MLK CIA)

From: Paul Anderson, Community Development Specialist, Southwest Action Group (SWAG)

Date: 5/23/2024

Proposal Overview

I am pleased to submit this proposal for providing Community Development services to the MLK CIA. This proposal outlines the scope of work, estimated hours, reporting schedule, and compensation details for the services to be rendered.

Annual Compensation

- **Annual Amount:** \$10,000

Reporting Schedule

- **Quarterly Updates:** I will provide quarterly updates to the MLK CIA board to ensure transparency and keep all stakeholders informed about the progress of our projects and initiatives.

Estimated Hours

- **Hours per Week:** The number of hours per week will vary depending on the specific projects and their requirements.
- **Monthly Estimate:** I estimate spending approximately 15-20 hours per month on these projects.

Professional Experience:

1. Southwest Action Group (SWAG)

- **Role:** Community Development Specialist
- **Duration:** June 19 2023 - Present
- **Both the South MLK CIA and South West Action Group will give 30 day notice for termination of agreement to due, employment change, funding issues or agreed upon benchmarks not being met.**

Current Community Development Responsibilities:

- Thriving Communities Program, focusing on community engagement, development and improving pedestrian safety along the MLK Corridor.
- Managing Policy Systems and Environmental Change (PSE Lead) initiatives to drive systemic improvements.
- Overseeing the Lansing Empowerment Network, aimed at empowering local communities through advocacy, education and resources.
- Facilitating the Redevelopment of the Pleasant Grove School project to transform it into a community hub.
- Administering various SWAG grant projects to secure funding for community initiatives.
- Supervising the Town Square Parking Lot Renovation to enhance local infrastructure.
- Collaborating on the SWAG - MLK CIA Collaboration to align community development efforts with the MLK CIA's goals.
- Placemaking
- Facilitate current meetings, communications, and programs of SWAG

Skills:

- Community engagement and outreach
- Project management
- Grant writing and administration
- Grant program management
- Stakeholder collaboration
- Program development and implementation
- Empowerment, Connections, Engagement, and Goal Sections
- Placemaking

Scope of Services under agreement with MLK CIA**Empowerment:**

Our projects and initiatives aim to empower businesses in Southwest Lansing and along the MLK Corridor by providing them with the tools and resources necessary to thrive. This includes business development programs, access to funding

opportunities, and professional growth workshops tailored to the unique needs of our local businesses.

Connections:

Building strong connections within the business community is a cornerstone of our approach. By fostering relationships with local entrepreneurs, business associations, and community organizations, we create a network of support that enhances the effectiveness of our initiatives and helps businesses grow and prosper.

Engagement:

Active engagement with the business community is critical to the success of any development project. We prioritize listening to business owners, understanding their needs and concerns, and involving them in the decision-making process. This ensures that our projects reflect their aspirations and contribute to the economic vitality of Southwest Lansing and the MLK Corridor. Placemaking strategies will be used to transform underutilized spaces into lively areas that encourage community interaction and economic activity.

Goals:

The primary goals of our work include:

- Enhancing the economic vitality of Southwest Lansing and the MLK Corridor.
- Promoting sustainable business practices and environmental stewardship.
- Increasing access to resources and opportunities for local businesses.
- Building a resilient and connected business community.

Sincerely,

Paul Anderson
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