



MINUTES
Committee on Development & Planning
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 @ 3:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

There were no staff present to administer the YouTube, TEAMS and public input, so the meeting was not live on YouTube. They arrived at 3:51 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jeremy Garza, Chair
Council Member Adam Hussain, Vice Chair- excused
Council Member Ryan Kost, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Bryan Britten
Michael Owsley
Melissa Riba
Fred McLaughlin

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2025 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION- Appointment; Bryan Britten; At Large Member of the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority/Lansing Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors; Term to Expire February 28, 2027

Mr. Britten provided a brief overview of his past experience in his career with financing investigations, CDC with data infrastructure, marketing agencies and teaching at Lansing Community College. The resources in Michigan have been key roles in his education and work careers. Moving back to Michigan, his drive is to help EDC to empower the communities and bring in employers and employees to stay in Michigan.

Council Member Hussain asked about his application and if it was current, and Mr. Britten stated it is, except a new apartment number. Council Member Garza asked if he would be willing to

attend the Ward meetings and he confirmed. Council Member Kost asked if he will have the time to attend the meetings, and Mr. Britten stated he has spoken to his boss and come to an understanding that he is available.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BRYAN BRITTEN TO THE EDC/TIFA/BROWNFIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 2/28/2027 MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION- Appointment; Michael Owsley; Resident Member of the South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Corridor Authority; Term to Expire July 31, 2025

Mr. Owsley provided information on his past experience in Michigan with the Michigan Democratic Party, prior to obtaining that job he worked in the area in this corridor. Since starting his new career he knew he wanted to get involved in his community.

Council Member Garza asked about his location, which was near Beal Street, then asked if he was appointed if he would attend Ward meetings to share information, and Mr. Owsley confirmed. Council Member Kost asked if he could confirm he could attend the meetings and Mr. Owsley confirmed he would.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL OWSLEY TO THE S. MLK JR. CORRIDOR AUTHORITY WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 7/31/2025. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION- Appointment; Melissa Riba; At Large Member of the Historic District Commission; Term to Expire June 30, 2026

Ms. Riba provided details on her career and residence in Michigan, starting as a student at Michigan State University, and staying in the Lansing area. Her career has taken her to University of Michigan, Michigan Medicine which is connected to the recent acquisition of Sparrow. Her interest in being part of solutions that make Lansing a better place to live, and with this Commission, Lansing over the decades has demolished historical properties in the name of progress, and she does not see that as an either/or. Her interest would be to build up place making.

Council Member Garza asked if anything has changed, and she confirmed it has not. He then asked if she would be willing to attend Ward meetings to update the residents on what occurs on the Historic District Commission, and she confirmed.

Council Member Kost asked about the position of preserving the history and asked her opinion on the recent demolition of Eastern High School, and she stated she does not know all the ins-and-outs, and with historical properties this would not be an easy answer. The biggest concern, based on what she has read, there are beautiful artifacts not being paid attention to.

City TV arrived at 3:51 p.m.

Ms. Riba noted compromise is needed, and there could be more research for other properties similar to Walter French, and there are probably lessons learned. Council Member Kost asked if “big money” came in, but the Historic District Commission was presented for a study, would she vote for a study at locations. Ms. Riba stated depending on the facts, she would want to see the study. Council Member Kost was interested in her interest with input from the Historic District Commission.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER KOST TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA RIBA TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

No other topics of discussion.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin spoke briefly on his time on the Historic District Commission and struggled that they were too aesthetic based, and there is another aspect of historic preservation is “making history”.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Submitted by, Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on April 23, 2025