Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority

Annual Board Meeting

Friday, January 24th, 2020 – 8:30 AM

Allen Neighborhood Center
1611 E Kalamazoo St Lansing MI 48912

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order

2. Approval of November MACIA Meeting Minutes (Action)

3. Report from the City

4. City of Lansing Plans & MACIA goals/priorities

5. Form Based Code Updates

6. Staff Person Updates

7. MACIA Board of Directors Elections

8. Updates from Partners

9. Other Business

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment
Members Present: Jonathan Lum, Joan Nelson, Scott Gillespie, Laurie Baumer, Yvette Collins
Mayoral Designee: Dr. Andrea McSwain
Members Absent: Joseph Ruth, Elaine Barr
Facilitator Present: Hannah Bryant (LEAP), Rachel McIlvaine (LEAP)
Guests: Bill Rieske (City of Lansing)
John Shaski (Sparrow)

Recorded by: Yvette Collins

Lum welcomed everyone and called the MACIA Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The meeting initiated with the introduction of the board members and guests. A formal welcome to the Authority was given to Laurie Baumer. Baumer introduced herself and gave a brief background of herself. Other business items needed to be addressed were discussed to be added under agenda item 6.

Approval of Minutes (Action)

MOTION: Nelson moved to approve the MACIA Informational Meeting Minutes from the Friday, October 11th, 2019 meeting, as presented. Motion seconded by Collins.

YEAS: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Approval of Plan at the November 18th City Council Meeting

Lum shared that the TIF was approved by council on Monday, November 18, 2019. Discussion about implementation of TIF was discussed.
Staffing Position for the Authority

Lum discussed working with partners to get something funded right away. Baumer will ask her board foundation about putting a staff person in place. It was shared the possibility of a staff person who will split their time from the Foundation and the MACIA. Baumer will have a conversation about what the role would look like and to look to East Lansing on any role descriptions.

Lum noted that the Authority will need to transition away from the support provided by LEAP. This means that the person should be able to assume the administrative role that LEAP has done. LEAP’s original role was only to be involved through the TIF plan approval. Bryant agreed and is supportive of assisting with the transition and will work on providing a list of tasks needed to be completed by a new staff person.

**MOTION:** Gillespie moved to approve that the staffer through the Community Foundation is discussed at the Community Foundation Board. Motion seconded by Collins.

**Yeas:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule for 2020

Group discussion centered on having a rotating meeting location. Shaski noted Sparrow has meeting spaces. Bryant noted that two informational meetings were added since it is now a requirement. Changes were discussed to make the April 2020 meeting date to April 17, 2020 since the date it would naturally fall (April 10, 2020) falls on Good Friday. The first meeting for 2020 will be held at the Allen Neighborhood Center’s conference room. Allen Neighborhood Center address is 1611 E. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing, MI 48912. There is parking in the back.

**MOTION:** Nelson moved to approve the MACIA 2020 Schedule, with the discussed changes of the April 10th meeting to April 17th. Motion seconded by Gillespie.

**YEAS:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Other Business

Rieske provided an overview of Form Based Code (FBC) and shared that the plans are close to being ready to present to the Mayor and to put before council in 2020. The Saginaw Street Corridor Improvement Authority are working on a resolution in support of the FBC. Discussion around this highlighted the need to get more information. Suggested that another meeting is necessary to take a deeper dive, perhaps during the January meeting. An invitation should be extended for Andy Kilpatrick to join. Nelson shared that she would love to sit down with Rieske and Andy with maps to have a real granular view of what’s expected for the corridor.
It was discussed that in 2020 there will be elections at the first annual meeting. It was suggested to individually reach out to ask for nominations for the board. During the discussion it was determined that this could be achieved during this meeting, with the following results for Officer Nominations:

Dr. Andrea McSwain - Vice Chair
Jon Lum - Chair
Laurie Baumer - Treasurer
Yvette Collins – Secretary

Discussion ensued regarding the city of Lansing and if bonds were possible for the MACIA to allow the Authority to get dollars upfront. During previous discussions it wasn’t feasible, and the City was not interested. It is possible the City still may not be interested. Another idea proposed during this discussion was to approach MSU Center for Community Economic Development about floating a revenue bond to help kick this off. Lum asserted that he thought it was worth having a preliminary discussion as it would allow projects to be front loaded.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Lum declared the MACIA meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Jonathan Lum, Chair
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority
MICHIGAN AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP)*
LEAP Boardroom
1000 S Washington Avenue, Suite #201
Lansing, Michigan 48910
8:30 AM

Friday, January 24, 2020 ** (Will be held at Allen Neighborhood Center Conference room - 1611 E Kalamazoo St, Lansing, MI 48912)

Friday, February 21, 2020 ***

Friday, April 17, 2020

Friday, June 12, 2020

Friday, September 18, 2020 ***

Friday November 13, 2020

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