Lum welcomed everyone and called the MACIA Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. The meeting initiated with the introduction of the board members and guests.

Update on Bylaws and Taxable Value
Mughal confirmed the bylaws are complete, there is no further action required. Mughal shared the 2019 taxable value was around $22M, which represented an increase of about $1M from 2017.

Impact on the New Legislation – Gregory Venker, Assistant City Attorney
Venker provided an overview of the legislation. He guided that he is not the attorney that represents the MACIA board. He notified that as a result of the legislation, there are annual reporting requirements. The annual report needs to cover the preceding fiscal year; six months after close of the fiscal year. This means the annual report should cover the June 2018 through July 2019. The report for 2019 will be due at the end of 2019. Since the board does not have any active TIF capture, there is not much that will be required for the first annual report. Essentially what could be captured and can capture are now the same. The annual report is to be sent to the department of treasury. This report will probably be the equivalent of a summary that says “we have nothing” since there is no TIF plan this year. It is expected that treasury will provide a form to use for reporting. As the TIF plan is developed it is advisable that an accountant is used.

Other highlights of Public Act 57 of 2018 include the role of legislators – the legislation allows legislators to make inquiries of the TIF entities that will have to be answered. It is a method that allows the state to know what is being captured and being spent. There are posting requirements connected with the board’s meetings. Notices can be cared for by allowing them to be placed online, and the city’s website meets this requirement. There are informational meetings that will be required, that need to occur twice a year. They need to be identified as such on the agenda. The only TIF plans that have protection from the opt out provision are those that involve a “qualified development
area”. For Lansing’s purposes, this only includes development areas that include: a “transit-oriented development,” defined as infrastructure improvements within ½ mile of a transit station, or a “transit-oriented facility,” defined as a transit station that promotes ridership. Whether something is “transit-oriented development” or a “transit-oriented facility” is a determination that must be made by the CIA and agreed upon by Council. The examples of such a facility are the downtown CATA station in Lansing, and the train station in East Lansing on Trowbridge. Other bus transfer stations would also probably qualify; bus stops are probably a tougher sell, unless the improvements the TIF is supposed to finance include making those stops more usable for general riders. Venker will share his PowerPoint.

**TIF and Development Plan**

Prior to the next meeting, it is recommended that the plan is reviewed. The next meeting will be a total focus of the plan and may include Andy Kilpatrick and Andrew Brieschke or Brad Funkhouser from CATA. Additional possible guests that were discussed included Laurie Baumer from the Capital Region Community Foundation and Rex L. LaMore or John Melcher from MSU CED. The intent is to make sure that everyone is reviewing the plan with fresh eyes and fresh ideas.

Lum recommended to reach out to Cristina Benton of Anderson Economic Group for the vacant position in MACIA board. Gillespie offered to reach out to Andy Kilpatrick’s office and Mughal recommended to reach out to CATA and Council Member Washington to see if they would be able to join the next board meeting.

Nelson shared that the Capital Area Community Foundation took a big interest in the avenue in the past, since they are about two and half blocks off the avenue. Nelson expressed to have a meeting with Laurie Baumer to feel her out about grant funding. There was some discussion about hiring a part time facilitator to help in the grant application process. This person could also perform additional grant raising. It was also shared that MSU holds quarterly discussions with CATA to talk about making Michigan Avenue multi modal transit. The MACIA board suggested to let Andy Kilpatrick know that the board is interested in being involved in and supportive of what to do on the avenue. The board is interested in providing support, going forward.

**Meeting Schedule for 2019**

There was discussion surrounding making a change to the meeting schedule to gain more momentum in getting actions completed. There was discussion about adding a May meeting, but there was not a common date that would have a quorum of members. This discussion will continue at the next board meeting in June. The June 14th meeting has been changed to 9:00 a.m. instead of 3:30 p.m.

**Other Business & Public Comment** None.

**Adjournment** There being no further business, Lum declared the MACIA meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jonathan Lum, Chair
Michigan Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority