



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY-CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5000 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864
WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018 6:00 pm – Minutes

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Eric Foster, Bruce Peffers, Supervisor Ron Styka, Barry Goetz, Chris Rigterink, Kellie Johnson, and Jeff Ross

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Chris Nugent, Brian Jones, and Todd Huhn

STAFF

PRESENT: Economic Development Director Chris Buck

OTHERS

PRESENT: Kirk Byrens

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Kellie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and read the mission statement.

2. MISSION: The Corridor Improvement Authority of the Charter Township of Meridian is dedicated to establishing the Grand River Avenue corridor in Meridian Township as a prime business and recreation destination in the Tri-County region. The Authority is focused on creating programs and projects that invigorate the streetscape and build partnerships among corridor property owners, business owners, and residents.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER PEFFERS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FOSTER. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kirk Byrens introduced himself. He is the local State Farm agent located by Panera and lives in Okemos. He moved to Okemos from Marshall about a year ago and wants to serve the community as a means of giving back and learning the area better.

6. PRESENTATION

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Sanju Guinn from Consumers Energy presented the following:

- 3 types of light fixtures - Cobrahead, Post Top, Center Suspension
- 3 types of lighting sources - Mercury Vapor, High Pressure Sodium, LED
- Free to replace MV with HPS on Center Suspension
- Free to replace MV with LED on Cobraheads
- Free to replace MW with LED on Post Top
 - A total of 479 free upgrades for the Township which will save on energy costs. In addition, we are getting a price to upgrade another 1,648 lights.
 - Director Perry in Public Works is working on this project. It will not be isolated to the Corridor, but the CIA should feel good that these free upgrades, cost savings and overall assessment started because of the CIA's request.
 - Consumers Energy is working on the locations of all the lights.
 - Director Buck will continue to keep the CIA informed on the project progress.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Corridor Action Plan

Director Buck led a discussion about the CIA needing to develop a series of goals, actions steps and timelines to accomplish them. Members discussed the excerpts from The Capitol Corridor Book that was included in the board packet and how it expresses the results of research, studies and feedback by citizens. While the underlying theme is around CATA's project and covers other municipalities as well as Meridian, there is a lot of visioning for Meridian that is relevant. The Board voted 7-0 to have Director Buck read the passages more thoroughly and report back a list of topics to discuss at future CIA meetings, resulting in these action steps.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. MUPUD Zoning Amendment Update

Director Buck reported that the MUPUD zoning amendment for Okemos and Haslett passed allowing for more height and density in development.

B. Form Based Code/Shaping the Avenue Update

The Planning department received questions and feedback from the Planning Commission after the work session in late April. Staff will work with the Shaping the Avenue Consultants over the summer and the Township will assess the plan again in August.

8. MERIDIAN MALL REPORT

Member Huhn was absent, but Director Buck relayed that the CBL Mall senior leadership met with Township staff last week and discussed the Farmers' Market and developing a master plan of sorts for the mall's future. The Township will work closely with them on their vision. The CIA may be able to play a role in this soon so stay tuned.

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9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Supervisor Styka echoed the MUPUD amendment and it resulting in the Douglas J press conference tomorrow. The Board is hopeful that this will be the first step in a major update to our most depressed area.

10. CHAIR REPORT

None.

11. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reported on the following items:

- Douglas J Press Conference tomorrow at 10:30am.
- Kirk Byrens & Lisa Kost are interested in joining the CIA; however, the CIA is at capacity according to the bylaws.
- Recent ribbon cuttings listed on Development Projects in packet.
- Elevation party June 19th 4:00pm-8:00pm, invite coming for CIA.
- Baskin Robbins Open House June 2nd.
- The Red Cedar Manor project, along the Corridor, just submitted an application. The CIA members agreed that all projects within the corridor should be in the board packets so the CIA can decide if they want to support, oppose or remain neutral on each project.
- Director Buck will bring the Red Cedar Manor and Panera plans to the next meeting for discussion.
- The Drive in Theater on Saginaw was rezoned to Commercial-2, stay tuned for development project.

12. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Central Fire Station

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:31 pm. Kellie Johnson, Vice-Chairperson