



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY-CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5000 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864
WEDNESDAY, February 27, 2019 6:00 pm – Minutes (Amended and Adopted 4.24.2019)

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Styka, Bruce Peffers, Barry Goetz, Chris Nugent, Eric Foster, and Vice-Chair Jeff Ross

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Brian Jones, Chris Rigterink, Chair Kellie Johnson

STAFF

PRESENT: Economic Development Director Chris Buck

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm. Vice-Chair Ross arrived at 6:19pm and resumed Chair responsibilities.

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 MEMBER PEFFERS TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ.
MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ.
MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

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A. Corridor Project Staff Summary

Director Buck gave an overview on all of the projects occurring in the CIA District. Member Foster question several of them asking for opportunity to discuss and voice an opinion. It was agreed that the Project expected north of Whole Foods, the Red Cedar Manor project and redevelopment of Leo's Lodge all would be logical for the CIA to weigh in on. Hopefully we'll have details either in March or April.

B. Medical Marihuana Overlay Districts #3 and #4

Director Buck and Supervisor Styka updated the board on the status of the ordinance and overlays. There is an upcoming joint meeting between the Township Board and Planning Commission of March 12th. Director Buck confirmed that he will bring updated information - all six overlay maps and the confirmed number and type of licenses for each - for discussion in March.

C. Township-wide Development Projects

Director Buck referenced the Development Project list in the board packet.

7. CORRIDOR DESIGN & RESEARCH

A. Corridor Survey Update

Director Buck discussed the results of the survey so far. The board agreed to make one more push for responses, then make a decision to convene interested parties to discuss the results and continue the discussion. Director Buck agreed to write thank you emails to those who completed the survey.

8. MALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Director Buck reported that the management from CBL Property headquarters were in town showing locations to prospective tenants. There has been some communication about a modern go-karting outfit taking over some space, but no lease has been signed yet. Member Ross suggested that the CIA provide a formal welcome of some sort to new developments in the corridor district. As the mall redevelops they may make a request to revise the ordinances that govern their land uses. This is also another way the CIA board can exercise their opinion.

9. REPORTS

A. Township Board

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Supervisor Styka reviewed the following Township Boards updates regarding:

- Medical Marihuana
- Okemos Village
- Water main extension to Van Atta road to serve the trailer park and gas station
- Fire Department ISO rating improved from a score of 4 to 3
- Road funding plans
- Redi Ride funding
- Citizen Survey results

B. Chair – none

C. Staff

Director Buck mentioned that the Okemos Village development team was hosting a community open house to present the concept plan at Henry's Place on 2.28.19 – all are welcome. Discussion also have been had regarding Haslett Village Square. Nothing to report now but there is hope.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

- Member Foster suggested that when the CIA Board chooses to voice opinions regarding development within the CIA boundaries, the Chair or Vice-Chair should present the determination in person to accompany any written correspondence the board submits.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Central Fire Station

13. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED WITHOUT OBJECTION BY VICE-CHAIR ROSS AT 7:47PM.