



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
December 16, 2020 6:00 pm
Central Fire Station-5000 Okemos Road

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
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, and residents.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. November 18, 2020- Corrido Improvement Authority Meeting Minutes
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Tri-County 2045 Transportation Plan
 - i. Letter from Meridian Township Transportation Authority
7. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW
 - A. Current Development Projects
8. REPORTS
 - A. Township Board
 - B. Planning Commission
 - C. Chair
 - D. Staff
 - i. 2021 Goals
 - ii. Meridian Mall proposed CPUD
9. OPEN DISCUSSION/ BOARD COMMENTS
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. NEXT MEETING DATE
 - A. Next Meeting Date: January 27, 2021 - 6:00pm
12. ADJOURNMENT

Zoom Meeting ID:
898 0721 2551
Zoom Password:
5000

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Meridian Township Board by contacting:
Township Manager Frank L. Walsh, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 or 517.853.4258 - Ten Day Notice is Required.
Meeting Location: 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864 Township Hall



Charter Township of Meridian
Corridor Improvement Authority
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Wednesday, November 18, 2020– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Bruce Peffers, Supervisor Ron Styka, Eric Foster, Jeff Ross, Brian Jones, and Barry Goetz

Members

Absent: Kellie Johnson, Chris Rigterink, and Chris Nugent

Others

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Community Planning & Development Director Kieselbach, and Planning Commissioner Holly Cordill

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Ross called the meeting to order and Supervisor Styka read the mission statement.

2. **MISSION:** Set the standard in creating an entrepreneurial culture, be the example for revitalization of our business districts, and be the leaders in building sustainable public/private partnerships.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER FOSTER TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY SUPERVISOR STYKA. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes-October 21, 2020

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FOSTER. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

a. Current CIA Development Projects

Director Clark discussed the High Caliber Karting expansion at the mall is closed. They have reconfigured their existing space and added rage rooms. Anna's House is in progress and waiting for Buddy's Pizza. Vice-Chair Foster mentioned some litigation that Anna's House may have gone through with their other locations related to discrimination/harassment. Supervisor Styka

mentioned that the Township does have a non-discrimination ordinance and he will be sure the Township makes Anna's House aware of the ordinance.

7. MALL DEVELOPMENT

a. Update on Mall Development

Director Clark reported that CBL has filed for bankruptcy. They do plan to remain in operation and will be reorganizing.

b. Letter of Support for Meridian Mall CPUD Amendment

The CIA reviewed a draft letter in support of the mall creating an out lot for a financial institution on existing green space near the main entrance on Grand River. The Planning Commission has showed support of the project and the Township Board is scheduled to have a public hearing for the project on December 8, 2020. There was discussion about adding the last sentence of the CIA mission statement to the letter at the end of the first paragraph and removing the words financial institution at the end of the letter.

MOTION BY MEMBER FOSTER TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LETTER. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION PASSES 5-1.

8. REPORTS

a. Township Board

Supervisor Styka reported the following:

- The 2020-2021 Township Board Goal Setting meeting will be next week
- The new Township Board will be sworn in on Friday
- The Board is having general discussion regarding recreational marijuana

b. Planning Commission

Commissioner Cordill reported the updates from the latest meeting.

c. Chair

Chair Ross suggested the CIA consider meeting every other month for 2021.

MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO MEET EVERY OTHER MONTH FOR THE YEAR 2021. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER FOSTER. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

d. Staff

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Styka stated he had just received a Moving Mid-Michigan 2045 Transportation Plan. He will send it onto all CIA members for review. This plan is scheduled to be finalized in mid-December. As a result, there was discussion about moving the December CIA meeting from December 16, 2020 to December 9, 2020.

**MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO MOVE THE DECEMBER MEETING TO DECEMBER 9, 2020.
SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION PASSES 6-0.**

11. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

- December 9, 2020 at 6:00pm

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Ross adjourned the meeting.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN

Ronald J. Styka
Deborah Guthrie
Phil Deschaine
Frank L. Walsh

Supervisor
Clerk
Treasurer
Manager



Courtney Wisinski
Patricia Herring Jackson
Dan Opsommer
Kathy Ann Sundland

Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee

December 10, 2020

Nicole S. Baumer, Deputy Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
3135 Pine Tree Road, Suite 2C
Lansing, MI 48911

Re: 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. Baumer,

The Meridian Township Transportation Commission has reviewed the draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and offers the following comments:

- The Tri-County area has many miles of well used non-motorized trails, but the trails are disconnected. A plan for connecting the trails into a regional transportation network for non-motorized users is critical. Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has both the means and responsibility to create a plan.
- Over the last several years there has been a steady increase in single-person vehicles either powered by or assisted by rechargeable batteries from motorized wheelchairs to rental scooters. Recognition of the problems and possibilities these vehicles present is important but missing from the plan. These vehicles are heavier than their non-motorized counterparts and generally are capable of higher speeds, so are a greater collision hazard. On the positive side they greatly expand the group of people that can use the trails and widen the range they can travel. How will TCRPC plan for the expanded use of these vehicles?
- With the potential for autonomous passenger vehicles and the possibility for autonomous transit vehicles the plan should start to address the modifications or enhancements to the road system that may be needed to accommodate these vehicles.
- The Transportation Commission is aware there are transit agencies looking at alternative fuel concepts such as solar/battery, natural gas and hydrogen. With the advancements in fuel technology will the plan take into consideration the impacts these alternative fuels may have.

On behalf of the Transportation Commission, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Vagnozzi". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Steve Vagnozzi, Chair
Meridian Township Transportation Commission



Under Construction

- Aspen Dental/Verizon/Ivy Rehab (former Leo's Lodge)-2085 West Grand River
- Anna's House-1753 West Grand River (former Pizza Hut)-remodeling permits issued
- Clarion Pointe-2736 East Grand River-significant renovation
- Red Cedar Manor-Mixed Use--site plan review-Northwind Drive
- Oriental Market-interior remodel- 2800 East Grand River Avenue

Approved Construction/ Not Yet Commenced

- Woda Cooper-residential development North of Whole Foods
- Newton Park Apartments, SE Corner Newton Road/Saginaw Hwy. Multifamily mixed use Haslett Road (SE corner Okemos/Haslett)
- The W. Investment Holdings-SUP approved for MM provisioning center at 1614 Grand River (just west of Central Park-new building)
- Buddy's Pizzeria-2010 Grand River-new store location (former Burger King)
- Green Peak Innovations-medical marihuana provisioning center-east side Northwind Drive

Closing/Postponed/Cancelled Developments

- High Caliber Karting-1982 West Grand River-expansion project/outdoor seating area
- Lafontaine Dealership-NE corner of Powell Road and Grand River--construction/project stopped
- New York & Company-Meridian Mall store closing



To: Downtown Development Authority

From: Amber Clark Director Neighborhoods & Economic Development

Date: November 2, 2020

Re: 2021 Corridor Improvement Authority Goals

Approve and adopt annual goals for the Corridor Improvement Authority of Meridian for 2021. Your consideration and concurrence is appreciated.

Director Clark



1. Strive to increase business relationship with corridor business owners through improved communications and outreach
2. Support corridor improvements and development projects that support the financial strength of Meridian Township and the region.
3. Promote and support smart growth on the corridor; including infill development and discouraging sprawling development
4. Foster a stronger relationship with Meridian Mall owners/developers
5. Strive and promote ways for Grand River to become a more walkable commercial corridor with easy and efficient ways for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians can traverse M-43