



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY  
5151 MARSH ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017, 6:00 pm – Minutes

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chris Nugent, Bruce Peffers, Chris Rigterink, Barry Goetz, and Todd Huhn

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Supervisor Ron Styka, Brian Jones and Kellie Johnson

STAFF

PRESENT: Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Economic Development Director Chris Buck

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

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 5-0.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER PEFFERS TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Signs on Grand River Avenue-“Welcome to Meridian”

Discussed the bid and renderings in the packet. Staff will manage an RFP to get competitive bids, confirm how many signs we need, get a total budget and present to the Township Board for consideration in the 2019 agenda. Manager Walsh explained to Director Buck that would be the process due to the cost. The CIA will be kept informed as this progresses, but we should take it off the CIA agenda for a while.

B. Shaping the Avenue; Form Based Code Next Steps/Corridor Plan for Redevelopment Ready Communities

Director Kieselbach updated the CIA on the conference calls regarding implementation of Form Based Code. He discussed the work session the Planning Commission held on Monday night. Director Buck handed out an aerial map of two sections of the corridor and a discussion occurred regarding feedback on the amount of curb cut entrances off Grand River Ave into individual businesses and what uniform, shared parking might look like to make the Corridor more walkable. As the staff creates versions of a corridor plan for the redevelopment ready communities project, the CIA will be kept informed and asked their opinions.

C. 2018 Meeting Schedule Resolution

**MOTION BY MEMBER PEFFERS TO APPROVE THE 2018 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING DATES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 5-0.**

8. CHAIR REPORT

None.

9. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck elaborated on the development projects in the packet. The Master Plan has been approved by the Board. Peter Menser has been promoted to Principal Planner. Fire Chief Cowper is retiring. Recruiting: despite them not attending tonight, we do have sincere interest from Eric at American Home Fitness, Lynn from Protégé Academy and either Eric or Aaron from Ellison Brewing to join the CIA for 2018. Director Buck completed RRC training since the last meeting and had Brett Hanlon from the program in the Township office reviewing our plans for RRC

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compliance and he gave favorable feedback. Director Buck attended meetings with: Tri County regional planning commission, East Lansing DDA and BRA, Ingham County Road Dept. The question was posed as to whether we should consider having a developer-only meeting to ask their thoughts about form based code along the corridor. It was also mentioned that Lansing Nissan closed – that the secretary of state shut them down for non-compliance and the dealer is empty. Chris agreed to look into that.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Member Goetz asked if we had any plans to move forward with any funding/TIF programs as a commission. Director Buck offered that developing the corridor plan, and the subsequent goals that the CIA will adopt from it, we should have that discussion as we see the need for what we would do with funding we could create.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:16 pm.

Chris Nugent, Chairperson