



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY-CENTRAL FIRE STATION  
5000 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864  
WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018 6:00 pm – Minutes

MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Brian Jones, Supervisor Ron Styka

STAFF

PRESENT: Economic Development Director Chris Buck

OTHERS

PRESENT: None

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Nugent called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

2. MISSION: Chair Nugent read - 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 VICE CHAIR JOHNSON. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION BY VICE CHAIR JOHNSON TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER PEFFERS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. PRESENTATION

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7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Corridor Survey

Director Buck shared print outs of the on-line survey and asked the board for feedback. Many edits were noted and additional work will be made to get the survey live as soon as possible. The board approved the revisions and approved the release of the survey to the business community once updated.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. CADL Letter of Support for the DDA Tax Increment Financing Plan

Director Buck explained that the Downtown Development Authority TIF plan has been approved by the Township Board and many taxing jurisdictions have “opted in” to join the redevelopment of Okemos Village. CADL has recently opted out of similar agreements in the region and it would be helpful for the CIA to write a letter of support urging CADL to opt in.

**MOTION BY MEMBER FOSTER TO APPROVE THE STAFF AND CHAIR TO WRITE OF A SUPPORT LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CIA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER PEFFERS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.**

B. Planning Commission Vacancies

Director Buck announced there will be two Planning Commissioners leaving the board and asked the members of the CIA to consider applying for the positions if they want to serve in that capacity.

C. 2019 Corridor Project Review agenda items

Director Buck asked of the CIA members would like to take a larger role in reviewing proposed projects in the CIA boundaries and make recommendations to the Planning Commissions and Township Board. The board agreed that would be productive and encourage that to happen in 2019.

**MOTION BY MEMBER RIGTERINK TO ADOPT THE 2019 MEETING CALENDAR AS PROPOSED. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.**

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

None

10. CHAIR REPORT

Chris Nugent thanked the board for allowing him to serve as chair for nearly two years and wishes Vice Chair Johnson all the best as the new chair.

11. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reported on the following items:

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- Phil Deschaine is the new Township Treasurer, swearing in ceremony and farewell to Julie Brixie on 12.7.2018
- Development Projects Update
- DDA TIF plan status
- Visit to Meridian Mall ownership group headquarters by staff
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12. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Questions from the board to Director Buck included:

- Questions regarding the land swap with the mall to enable the Farmers Market project to occur.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Central Fire Station

15. ADJOURNMENT

**MEETING ADJOURNED BY CHAIR NUGENT AT 7:36PM.**