



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.