



Charter Township of Meridian
Corridor Improvement Authority
5000 Okemos Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Wednesday, January 21, 2026– Minutes

Members

Present: Bruce Peffers, Chris Nugent, Adam Hodges, and Barry Goetz

Members

Absent: Chris Rigterink and Supervisor Scott Hendrickson

Others

Present: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Peffers called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and read the mission statement.

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 THE AGENDA

**MOTION BY MEMBER GOETZ TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY CHAIR PEFFERS.
MOTION PASSES 4-0.**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes-November 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION BY CHAIR PEFFERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GOETZ.
MOTION PASSES 4-0.**

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Playmakers Façade Improvement Program Reimbursement Agreement
Director Clark reviewed the reimbursement agreement for up to \$20,000. There were no changes suggested. Playmakers and the CIA Chair will sign the agreement.
- b. Mid-Michigan Martial Arts Academy Façade Improvement Program Reimbursement Agreement

Director Clark reviewed the reimbursement agreement for \$1,600. There was a suggestion to remove the “(\$)” after \$1600 in the agreement. The edit will be made, and Mid-Michigan Martial Arts Academy and the CIA Chair will sign the agreement.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Director Clark reported that the Finance Director is back from leave and will be working on compiling the CIA financial reports and setting up the bank account.

Chair Peffers shared he recently toured the new STEM project building at MSU. The building was constructed using mass timber. He learned that there may be grants available for developers that use mass timber in their design. Director Clark will follow up with Director Schmitt and ask to have a future discussion on mass timber building at an upcoming CIA meeting with the Community Planning and Development Staff.

8. DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW

a. Development Project Updates

Director Clark mentioned work is being done at Mister Car Wash. Panda Express is still in progress. The new climbing facility that will be occupying the former Foods for Living space is working through fire alarm issues. There is a gas station interested in development on Grand River on the west side of the Sparrow building. Bath and Body Works will be closing at the Mall.

9. MALL DEVELOPMENT

a. Meridian Mall Update

Member Hodges reported the following:

- Planning spring/fall recycling events and fashion show
- BoxLunch clothing store is coming

10. REPORTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION/CIA BOARD

Director Clark stated that the Authentix project on Central Park Drive will be going back to the Board with an updated design.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

Discussion was had about the power lines and easements that already exist. Listening sessions will be held next week on Monday and Tuesday with the ITC.

There are no new applications for the Façade Improvement Grant Program.

12. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

13. NEXT MEETING DATE

- February 18, 2026 at 6:00pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objection, Chair Peffers adjourned the meeting at 6:41pm.