



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY-CENTRAL FIRE STATION
5000 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS, MI 48864
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018 6:00 pm – Minutes

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chris Nugent, Eric Foster, Bruce Peffers, Supervisor Ron Styka, Barry Goetz, Brian Jones and Todd Huhn

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Chris Rigterink, Kellie Johnson, and Jeff Ross

STAFF

PRESENT: Economic Development Director Chris Buck

OTHERS

PRESENT: Doris Schwartz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Kellie Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm 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, business owners, and residents.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER PEFFERS TO APPROVE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HUHN. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR STYKA TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER PEFFERS. MOTION APPROVED 7-0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doris Schwartz introduced herself, wants to stay in tune with what the CIA is working on. She thought about joining, but decided not to. However, she wants to stay involved as a citizen.

6. PRESENTATION

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Brad Funkhouser explained the new leadership, philosophy of inclusion and engagement. CATA views itself as a mobility solutions organization, not a bus company. They are working with ETRAN and Clinton Transit to collaborate wherever possible. Safety of buses are of the highest concern, full inspection of all vehicles has happened and he feels proud of the fleet now.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. MUPUD Zoning Amendment Update

Director Buck reminded the CIA Board what was being suggested in the zoning amendment and that the Township Board will be voting Tuesday, May 1st. CIA members are welcome to attend and support if they feel so inclined.

B. Form Based Code/Shaping the Avenue Update

Director Buck reminded the CIA that there is a work session from 6-9pm on Monday, April 30th with the Shaping the Ave consultants and the Planning Commission. They are welcome to attend.

C. Consumers Lighting Study

Director Buck handed out the initial response from Consumers as to what it would cost to relight the entire Township. Consumers is putting together more information and will present at the May CIA meeting.

8. MERIDIAN MALL REPORT

Younkers closing discussion. Work is going on behind the scenes by the Mall management and ownership to create an overall plan to assist the mall.

9. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT

Supervisor Styka reported the following items:

- MUPUD
- Police Chief
- Redi-Ride
- Solar Project

10. CHAIR REPORT

Chris Nugent reported the following items:

- His conversations with developers has been very positive regarding doing business in Meridian
- Restaurants are not performing well based on his conversations. Meetings with multiple location owners say their locations outside of Meridian perform better than their Meridian locations. He did not have a solution, but just wanted to relay for the CIA to

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think about how we can help. Director Buck offered for Nugent to share which restaurants are saying that so he can visit with them to get more info.

11. STAFF REPORT

Director Buck reported on the following items:

- Pathway Update-In regards to the MSU to Lake Lansing Pathway we are awaiting approval of the last grant we need. It's a MDOT TAP grant and they required us to complete a feasibility study to be eligible. The study has been completed and we have resubmitted our TAP application. We have secured our local and county grant funding and we now await confirmation of the TAP grant. We will spend the rest of 2018 on final design and securing easements and plan to construct phase one in 2019. (Director Perry email)
- Development Projects – Director Buck highlighted specific projects on the list
- A site plan review application for the construction of the New Hope Church on Saginaw Highway has been received
- A site plan review application for a revised site layout for the Marriott Courtyard hotel on Jolly Oak Road has been received
- A rezoning application for the drive-in movie theater site on Saginaw Highway from multiple family to C-2 (Commercial) has been received
- A commercial planned unit development (C-PUD) application for the Panera project on Grand River Avenue (former Mongolian BBQ site) has been received

12. OPEN DISCUSSION/BOARD COMMENTS

None.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Request that the CIA do a better goal setting and vision plan
- Request that the Form Based Code work session be recorded for public viewing & training purposes

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Central Fire Station

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:48 pm. Chris Nugent, Chairperson