

**MEETING MINUTES
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
JOINT MEETING - CITY OF FARMINGTON AND
THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2022 - 8 A.M.
CITY OF FARMINGTON
CITY HALL
23600 LIBERTY STREET
FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER BY: CHAIRMAN KING AT 8:16 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

CITY OF FARMINGTON: O'DELL, KING, CARRON, ACCETTURA, BOWMAN
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS: MANN, MASSEY, GUESMAN, BRAZZEL

MEMBERS ABSENT: THOMAS, SMITH, GRAHAM

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Valentine, Farmington Hills Assistant City Manager, Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director, Kevin Christiansen, City of Farmington Community and Economic Development Director, Jennifer Morris, OHM Advisors Consultant, Samantha Seimer, AKT Peerless Representative and public participant.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bowman, supported by O'Dell to approve the agenda as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes – DECEMBER 2, 2021

Motion by Massey, supported by Mann, to approve the Farmington Hills minutes as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

BUSINESS

Motion by Massey, supported by Carron, to approve the *Grand River Corridor Vision Plan Update* as amended.
Unanimously approved.

Jennifer Morris, OHM Representative discussed the following:

- Changes were made to the *Grand River Corridor Vision Plan Update* at the City of Farmington CIA meeting to soften action language for flexibility between Farmington and Farmington Hills to look at corridor projects at their own pace and capabilities.
- A new strategy was introduced into the vision plan to pursue and direct grant opportunities within the corridor.

- Massey inquired about our capabilities in acquiring federal grants to fit into designated corridor areas.
- Ms. Morris suggested a general strategy in finding capital dollars for the entire corridor. Opportunities to provide developers with alternative financial incentives could be to waive or reduce application fees.
- Language within the Grand River South Focus Area was softened to allow ongoing flexibility for Farmington and Farmington Hill’s timeframe and to concentrate on specific property locations with great potential/opportunity.
 - Massey discussed the need to include an efficient and timely process to help potential development interests move through each related department within the City of Farmington Hills.
 - Cristia Brockway, Farmington Hills Economic Development Director replied that the City has this in place and is looking to improve the process for development interest inquiries.
- Streetscape design language within the vision plan update was changed from “evaluate” to “creation” from the perspective of Farmington Hills.
 - Kevin Christiansen, Community and Economic Development Director of Farmington, offered to share the Farmington design guidelines for best practices.
 - Joseph Valentine, Assistant City Manager of Farmington Hills, noted that the city’s master plan update will help the evaluation process in the corridor area.
- Massey suggested that the Grand River Corridor marketing piece from 2015 should undergo an update.
- Massey had mentioned that the Economic Development Corporation can participate in the leadership structure as noted in strategy 2.9 of the Grand River South Focus Area.
 - Ms. Morris proposed the language to be multijurisdictional.
- For the City of Farmington Hills, all implementation metrics/timelines will be taken in consideration for the in accordance with the dialogue being brought by the master plan update, developer/investor impact, and city strategies going forward.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Massey, supported by Carron, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Minutes drafted by: Cristia Brockway