

MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 19, 2024
FARMINGTON HILLS
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
29260 GRAND RIVER AVENUE
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

CALLED TO ORDER BY: CHAIRWOMAN MARY NEWLIN AT 8:04 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT: RICH, SMITH, PRICE, NEWLIN

MEMBERS ABSENT: ALKHAFAJI, MANN

OTHERS PRESENT: Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director, John Trafelet, Planning Commission Chair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Rich, supported by Price to approve the agenda as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Smith, supported by Rich to approve the May 2, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

BUSINESS:

Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director discussed the two groups that submitted proposals to the City for the Grand River Corridor Market Study which consisted of Gibbs Planning Group and McKenna. She stated that interviews will be conducted of both firms based on the information submitted.

Bill Smith explained his concern on the quote given to the City by one of the firms. Director Brockway replied, understanding that the price is a concern due to the existing budget. No assumptions or decisions will be made prior to the interviews so that the City can hear from both submitters.

Director Brockway also requested a member from the board to participate in the interview process. Any person available from the Authority to listen in and ask questions would be welcome at the time of the interview.

Landscaping within the median on Grand River Avenue was discussed. Certain locations will be identified as phase one (1) areas which will include landscaping, irrigation, and maintenance. The Department of Public Services and Engineering will assist in understanding the project's requirements. A Request for Proposal will be sent out once a proper scope of work can be developed.

Members of the board discussed their support in improving the visual appearance of the corridor. The topic of including art within the corridor also came up which will be explored. It was agreed that the Grand River Corridor area needs an identity, or branding, to entice interest.

A joint meeting with the City's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was also discussed. A date for this meeting is to be announced.

Director Brockway also brought up that the City of Farmington Corridor Authority is looking to have a joint meeting with the Farmington Hills Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority on September 5, 8 a.m. at the Jon Grant Community Center.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Rich, supported by Price to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes drafted by: Cristia Brockway