CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 15, 2024
Community Planning and Economic Development
245 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevan Hess; Lucas Middleton; Michael Gurnee; Sharon Ferraro; Rachel Bair; Jason Novotny; Kyle Gulau; Torean Greeley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Schipper; Qianna Decker; Nathan Bolton

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jamie McCarthy (Sustainable Development Coordinator); PJ Thuringer (Economic Development Supervisor); John Weiss (Attorney, Dickinson Wright); Logan Mulholland (Fishbeck, Consultant); Jared Chambers (Business Specialist); Heidi Gartley (Brownfield Project Assistant)

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM by Chair Hess.

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Director Middleton moved to excuse absent members; seconded by Director Bair. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Ferraro moved approval of the agenda as amended; seconded by Director Gurnee. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Director Ferraro moved approval of the minutes from the meeting of January 18, 2024; seconded by Director Gurnee. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of a Fund Reserve Policy Resolution to ensure Funding for the Social Equity Cannabis Chamber Contract.

Mr. Thuringer presented information on the Fund Reserve Policy Resolution, as found in the agenda packet.

Chair Hess asked if the board would see any type of progress reporting or metrics. Mr. Thuringer shared they will be given quarterly updates.

Director Novotny moved adoption of a Fund Reserve Policy Resolution to ensure Funding for the Social Equity Cannabis Chamber Contract; seconded by Director Ferraro.

A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thuringer shared The Woods Cultivation LLC did meet the requirements presented in a previous meeting and their permit has been approved.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

Mr. Thuringer shared details about the retreat and guest speakers.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 AM by Chair Hess.

Signature

Kevan Hess/Chair

Printed Name/Chair

Signature

Heidi Gartley

Printed Name/Recording Clerk