
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 20, 2024
Community Planning and Economic Development
245 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jason Novotny; Sharon Ferraro; Nathan Bolton; Lucas Middleton; Rachel Bair; Michael Gurnee; *Andrew Schipper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevan Hess; Torean Greeley; Alonzo Wilson; Kyle Gulau

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jamie McCarthy (Sustainable Development Coordinator); PJ Thuringer (Economic Development Supervisor); Jessica Wood (Attorney, Dickinson Wright); Logan Mulholland (Consultant, Fishbeck); Jared Chambers (Business Specialist); Jerrid Burdue (EDC Liaison/Neighborhood Business & Special Projects Coordinator); Heidi Gartley (Brownfield Project Assistant); Meghan Behymer (Downtown Coordinator); *Erin Hahn (Community Investment Administrative Assistant)

Meeting was called to order at 7:47 AM by Chair Novotny.

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

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

Mr. Burdue shared the Consent Agenda item will be a roll call vote and not a voice vote. Under Communications and Announcements, he added there will be no July meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Director Middleton moved approval of the minutes from the meeting of May 16, 2024; seconded by Director Gurnee. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of a recommendation to the City Clerk to Approve the 2-year approval of the Adult Use Class A Grower (1), Adult Use Processor (1), Adult Use Retailer (1) Permits to Yuma Way MI, LLC dba Urban Gardens.

Director Middleton moved approval of recommendation to the City Clerk to Approve the 2-year approval of the Adult Use Class A Grower (1), Adult Use Processor (1), Adult Use Retailer (1) Permits to Yuma Way MI, LLC dba Urban Gardens; seconded by Director Bolton. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Burdue reminder Directors there will be no July meetings.

STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES

1. Economic Development Strategy Update Presentation – Camoin Associates (virtual)

*Ms. Hahn entered the meeting at 8:05 AM.

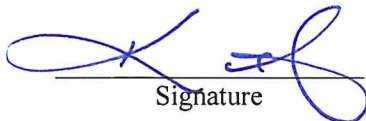
Ms. Alex Tranmer and Mr. Dan Gunderson, representatives of Camoin Associates, gave a presentation on a proposed Economic Development Strategy to the board.

Directors gave their feedback on components of the strategy presented.

*Director Schipper left the meeting at 8:39 AM.

Mr. Burdue said there will be a draft of the strategy plan coming to the board in August for review and recommending approval to City Commission. He thanked the directors for their comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM by Chair Novotny.


Signature


Printed Name/Chair


Heidi Gartley/Recording Clerk