

**NORTHSIDE CULTURAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

**Northside Association for Community Development**

**612 N Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

A meeting of the Northside Cultural Business District Authority (NCBDA) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, 6pm at 612 N Park St., Kalamazoo, MI.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Mayor Anderson, Kiar Gamsho, Marilyn Pulley, Mattie Jordan-Woods, Ricky Thrash, Tami Rey, Chad Dodd

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** ~~Chad Dodd~~, Damian Henderson

**ALSO PRESENT FROM THE CITY:**

- Maria Smith, Community Investment Admin
- Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Coordinator

**A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Director Jordan-Woods called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**DIRECTOR REY MOTIONED TO ADOPT THE JANUARY 15, 2026, AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DIRECTOR PULLEY SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MAYOR ANDERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025, MINUTES OF THE NORTHSIDE CULTURAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AUTHORITY. DIRECTOR REY SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The board welcomed a member of the public Tisha Pankop from Now Kalamazoo.

**E. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Rey questioned if the application for the \$100,000 FFE grant has been made. Kevin Ford clarified that City staff will follow up and get the grant process information to the Board before the next meeting.

Director Gamsho suggested creating a grant schedule including deadlines to organize the information for projects.

Director Jordan-Woods pointed out that the Board decided they don't want the City to negotiate their contracts and that the City would only provide day to day administrative services and support. She wants to work with Mayor Anderson and make sure that the renewal contract doesn't have things outside of that in it.

## **F. NEW BUSINESS**

**None.**

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Expansion of District Boundaries Steps**

Director Jordan-Woods opened an invitation to join an ad hoc committee to come up with guidelines for the social drinking district designation for which she says Carl Rizzo from Papa's Italian Sausage has already agreed. Director Rey stated that she would be willing to sit on the ad hoc committee.

### **2. Social District Designation Steps**

The Board discussed having a service contract review and training workshop at next month's meeting regarding logistics of the district expansion and designation steps. Director Jordan-Woods suggested having the attorney come to the meeting to discuss the processes, roles and responsibilities.

## **H. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Anderson announced that the state approved the transformational Brownfield project for Plaza Corp in December.

## **I. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES**

Ford gave an update about the City Clerk's office requesting signed meeting minutes. He specified the Chair (Jordan-Woods) and Recording Secretary (Maria Smith) will sign the draft minutes, and the recording secretary will send the final copy to the Clerk's office.

Ford requested that the Executive Committee hold regular meetings either in person or online to set the agenda for upcoming meetings. The Committee will discuss further setting a schedule outside of this meeting.

Ford requested that Board members respond to meeting invites and notify the Board if they can't make it, so they know ahead of time if there's going to be quorum. Board members agreed to look for meeting invites and communicate.

Director Jordan-Woods questioned if City staff would be informing the Board of possible grant funding. She would like to be able to get the funding opportunities out to the community. Ford responded that he doesn't get emails about City money but there is a grant writing team that may get them. Director Gamsho suggested using ChatGPT to look up grants.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**DIRECTOR PULLEY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN. DIRECTOR GAMSHO SECONDED. NO OBJECTIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.