
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, April 18, 2019 • Stone Conference Room, Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Bolton; Fritz Brown; Jim Escamilla; Kyle Gulau; Kevan Hess; Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell; Bob Miller; Patti Owens; Doug Phillips; Tom Schlueter; Nancy Troff

MEMBERS ABSENT:

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rebekah Kik (Director of City Planning & Economic Development); Joy Hills (Program Assistant); Jamie McCarthy (Development Coordinator); Antonio Mitchell (Development Coordinator); Marcy Dix (Program Finance Supervisor); Bob McNutt (Building and Development Manager); Richard Cherry (Assistant City Manager); Joe Agostinelli (Economic Development Consultant); Dorla Bonner (Community Investment Manager); Dwayne Powell (Economic Development Coordinator)

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Rebekah Kik

In replace of the regularly scheduled Economic Development Corporation (EDC)/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) meeting, the board will be holding a Special Meeting to take place on April 18th from 9:00am-12:00pm at the Radisson Plaza Hotel located at 100 W Michigan Avenue. The EDC/BRA will be discussing strategic planning for the 2019-2020 years.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Kik led the Strategic Planning meeting, and walked the board through the agenda and what to expect.

Ms. Anderson and Ms. McCarthy introduced Imagine Kalamazoo 2025 efforts and Redevelopment Ready Communities.

Mr. Agostinelli introduced his topic of best practices within the State of BRA practices, including how plans are created.

Break: 10:58 a.m.

Resumed: 11:10 a.m.

Mr. McNutt and Mr. Mitchell introduced themselves, and walked the board through the new development process the City is putting together that should increase overall transparency for developers.

Ms. Bonner and Mr. Powell introduced an update on the Incubator project. They also provided information to the board on the new Business Development Fund program that was created to

assist small business owners and startups within our areas defined in Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo.

Ms. Dix and Ms. Hills discussed policies and the City's effort to make decisions based off data.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

All questions the board asked were answered to their satisfaction. The overall presentation of the strategic planning session was positive to the board, and the request was made to provide updates on efforts over the next couple of months.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:00 p.m.



Joy Hills, Program Assistant – Community Planning & Economic Development



Patricia Owens, Chair