Members Present: Ben Damerow, Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Patrese Griffin, Carol McGlinn, Linda Snyder, Brenda Hughes (late), Sholanna Lewis (late), Tim Ready

City Staff: Dorla Bonner, Community Investment Manager; Laura Lam, Assistant City Manager; Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Coordinator, Jeanifer Gutierrez, Community Investment Secretary,

Members Absent: Cykeia Lee, Matt Lynn

Guests: None

Call to Order

Mayor Bobby Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:34 pm

Roll Call

Mr. Ford conducted roll call of organizing committee and determined quorum existed

Approval of Absences

Approval of (regular/special) minutes of the last meeting

Mr. Sean Fletch and supported by Mr. Don Cooney – moved to approve February 4, 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hopewell asked members if there were any objections. Mr. Sean Fletcher responds adding the Advocacy to the agenda. Seeing no objection, a consensus had been reached. No formal motion was made at that time.

No changes consent-

Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees

Mr. Ford summarizes the Goal Team meeting on February 7, 2019. The goal team discussed they didn’t get all the recommendations from the particular job Goal Team and they will be discussing this at their next meeting.
Mayor Hopewell expresses concerns wanting to end the recommendation phase.

Ms. Hughes explains that there will be a meeting at Goodwill for VITA on Thursday February 21, 2019

Mr. Ford mentions the youth meeting was cancelled due to weather

There was discussion on appointing a new Chair to replace Ms. Snyder due to her retirement and that there are possible recommended candidates.

Mayor Hopewell brought up the discussion about the Chairs meeting that took place. The meeting mainly consisted of the Childhood Care matter.

- **SPK Awareness (Patrese Griffin, Kevin Ford)**

Ms. Griffin expresses concern that there is no communication to the community about the objective with the SPK program. We need to get a group together to market to the community.

Mr. Ford explains wanting to work with local community artist to develop a visual message to the community about the SPK mission.

The committee discussed their mixed thoughts on the goals team ideas to market to the community as well as other ideas and thoughts to market SPK awareness to the communities. The Committee also discussed their concerns of how they would market properly and utilizing the committees and the community’s insight and input.

The Committee discussed having meetings bi-weekly and/or once a month for the communities to attend to and get updated on the SPK progress and objective.

**New Business**

- **Integrating HUD into SPK (Dorla Bonner)**

Ms. Bonner discusses the notion of the possibility of integrating CDAAC, HUD program fund into the SPK program. She explains some ideas and possibilities that the funds can be utilized for in the SPK program.

- **Advocacy Issues in May (Bobby Hopewell)**

Mayor Hopewell wants to have the Committee and the Goal Team to think of ideas to advocate. He would like to start discussions started by May. He mentioned that the Governor will be in town.
Mr. Damerow discussed postsecondary credential, his proposal includes in assisting to increase the earning potential of Michiganders and their quality of life by increasing talent growth and business growth. There is a goal of having sixty percent of Michiganders completing postsecondary credentials by the year 2030. There are also two programs that are being proposed that they would like support for. There is the Michigan Reconnect program for adults and the second is Michigan Opportunity Scholarship for high school students, both focuses on a free pathway to a higher education.

The Committee begins a discussion on their thoughts and input of the program and proposal.

**Unfinished Business (unfinished or pending matters)**

None Responded

**Miscellaneous**

a. **Detroit Fair Chance Ordinance Overview/Returning Citizens Task Force (Bobby Hopewell)**

Mayor Hopewell discusses an article on Fair Housing Ordinance in Detroit. He believes that it should be including in the advocacy discussion.

Ms. Lewis mentioned that she attended a meeting that discussed how ordinances is handled differently in different areas and ideas on how to improve it for the communities is Kalamazoo. She will be sending the information to the committee.

b. **SPK By laws (Kevin Ford)**

Mr. Ford would like to have a documented policies and procedures for the SPK Committee so that it would be understood how the committee works especially for new committee members who may have questions.

Mayor Hopewell discussed about having a Landlord and/or Renter program and the possible benefits of it.

Mr. Fletcher discusses the Recreational five year and strategic vision master plan.

**Public Comments—General**

None Responded

**Adjournment**

Mayor Hopewell adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:50 pm
Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo (SPK) Organizing Committee
February 18, 2019

Minutes
Community Room, City Hall
241 West South Street

Submitted by: Kevin Ford Dated:
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by: [Signature] Dated: 6-4-19
(Staff Liaison)

Approved by: [Signature] Dated: 6-3-19
(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair)