Members Present: Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Patrese Griffín, Carol McGlinn, Brenda Hughes, Tim Ready

City Staff: Dorla Bonner, Community Investment Manager; Laura Lam, Assistant City Manager; Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Coordinator, Jennifer Gutierrez, Community Investment Secretary, Sean Fletcher, Park & Recreation Director

Members Absent: Ben Damerow, Matt Lynn, Cykecia Lee, Sholanna Lewis

Guests: None

Call to Order

Mayor Bobby Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Absences

Ms. Hughes supported by Mr. Cooney – moved to approve Absences. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Cooney supported by Ms. Hughes – moved to approve March 04, 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ford informed the committee that Mr. Fletcher from park and recreation would like to update the committee on the summer recreation program.

Mayor Hopewell asked members if there were any objections for March 18, 2019. 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
New Business

- **Update on Community Data System – Dr. Light Grant (Laura Lam)**

Ms. Lam briefly reviews the last meeting concerning the Community Data System. Ms. Lam mentioned that currently at the end of last year there was an agreement with UpJohn Institute to assist with the Community Data System. There are three points to the agreement.

1. The Community Data System itself, how to integrate the data points from different systems.
2. Establishing the funding part of the project.
3. Understanding the research and site visits of the projects.

They are currently working on getting data use agreements from 8 – 9 different agencies.

Ms. Lam continues to review what UpJohn is currently working on and looking into for the project and progress.

There were questions regarding how exactly they’re using the data points and what data they are collecting.

There was discussion of what information the committee would like to receive and be updated on.

Mayor Hopewell wants to know how they can find information in regards to the capacity of home ownership. The committee discussed ways to find the information they are looking into for homeownership, such as the capacity of those looking into owning a home and other information.

The committee began a general discussion on housing and unemployment.

Mr. Fletcher began a discussion on updates on few a topics. He discussed the after school programs in Oakwood neighborhood that they have new partnership with Community of Christ Church. They are allowing them to expand their program. He gave some brief details on their plans for the program.

Mr. Fletcher mentioned that with the All Things Possible they will continue to work with Western and The Promise as well as with other partnerships. He informs of other partnerships they are looking into working with. He continues to discuss other youth programs plans.

- **Review of SPK Goal Team Recommendations**
It was agreed with the committee to continue this conversation at a separate meeting.

Unfinished Business (unfinished or pending matters)

- Organizing Committee Advocacy

Mayor Hopewell discusses about what opportunities are out there to start advocating for the work that needs to be done to move forward. He would like to committee to think of ideas to make this happen. Ms. McGlinn informs the committee of a possible idea of reaching out to the community at a KPS event that will be happening soon.

- Housing
- Reentry
- Early Childhood

- Miscellaneous

Ms. Bonner mentions she reached to her realtor connection about the number of houses that they are working on getting the number of houses that are for sale and other information.

Mayor Hopewell mentions an idea that he would to implement with the youth to show them they are appreciated and show the excellent work they are doing. He also informs that he will be serving on the Michigan Corrections Board and being appointed on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Executive Group.

Public Comments—General

None Responded

Adjournment

Mayor Hopewell adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:57 pm

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)