Members Present: Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Patrese Griffin, Brenda Hughes, Tim Ready, Ben Damerow, Sholanna Lewis, Cyckeia Lee

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

Members Absent: Matt Lynn, Carol McGlinn

Guests: None

Call to Order

Mayor Bobby Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 11:03 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Absences

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

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

Minutes were not distributed to the committee; March 18, 2019 minutes were not approved.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hopewell asked members if there were any objections for March 29, 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

None responded.

New Business
• **Organizing Committee Schedule for the year**

Mr. Ford presents a few options for the committee to consider for the new scheduled meetings for the rest of the year. The committee agreed to continue the bi-weekly meetings through April and possibly the month of May.

• **Discuss Scoring Document**

Mr. Ford discussed and reviewed the scoring document due to the committee had questions rather the scoring document was still relevant.

Mr. Cooney mentioned that he feels that every proposal meets all the requirements necessary.

• **Begin Review of SPK Goal Team Recommendations**

The Committee began to review and discuss a few proposal and recommendations, the first one being the Patient Care proposal.

The Committee discusses their view on the proposal and questions regarding it such as including Bronson’s name as a partner, the exact reasoning for the shortage in employees and details in the hiring process. There were also concerns regarding who can access the program with KVCC considering they conduct background checks. There were questions regarding qualifications and tuition offers. The committee had a lot of concern about transportation for the community and as well as childcare.

The Committee gave some ideas how to improve the proposal for the Patient Care.

**Mr. Cooney supported by Mr. Ready – moved to approve the Patient Care proposal contingent to the recommended revisions and resolved questions. Roll call was taken motion passed.**

Ms. Lee reviews the STEAM Academy proposal with the committee. The program will be for the Eastside Community with future expansion to the Northside and Edison. It will be a learning opportunity for K – 12 educators and Youth Development Professionals as training and learning opportunities for youth and adults. Ms. Lee reviews other minor details of the program.

There were some minor questions of making the program work realistically. The committee expressed their concerns of the program as well as ideas to improve the program.
Mr. Cooney supported by Ms. Hughes – moved to approve the STEAM Academy proposal contingent to the recommended revisions and resolved questions. Roll call was taken motion passed.

Mr. Damerow reviews the People of Change Pilot proposal with the committee. The program will be directed by Pastor Ralph Cunningham. The mission of the People of Change program is to transform the cycle of return without sufficient supports, exclusion, and their consequences, into a cycle of hope and success by providing support and services. The vision of the program is to bring hope and support to men and women returning from incarceration to ensure their successful reentry into the community.

Mr Damerow and Mr. Cooney further discussed minor details how the program will work.

The Committee discussed their ideas and recommendations of areas of improvements of the proposal.

Mr. Cooney supported by Ms. Hughes – moved to approve the People of Change Reentry Pilot proposal contingent to the recommended revisions and resolved questions. Roll call was taken motion passed.

Unfinished Business (unfinished or pending matters)

Miscellaneous

Public Comments—General

None Responded

Adjournment

Mayor Hopewell adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:25 pm

Submitted by: Kevin Ford Dated: 6-4-19
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by: Kevin Ford Dated: 6-3-19
(Staff Liaison)

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