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

Members Absent: Carol McGlinn, Matt Lynn

City Staff: Dorla Bonner, Community Investment Manager; Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Coordinator

Guests: None

**Call to Order**

Chair Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:33 pm.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Ford conducted roll call of Organizing Committee members and determined quorum existed.

**Approval of absences**

*Ms. Snyder, supported by Ms. Griffin, moved to accept the absences. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.*

**Approval of Minutes**

*Mr. Damerow, supported by Ms. Hughes, moved to accept the minutes from last month. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.*

**Approval of Agenda**

*Ms. Snyder, supported by Mr. Lynn, moved to accept the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.*

**Reports of Officers, Boards and Committees**

SPK Youth Goal Team Chair
Ms. Lee reported out on the second Youth Goal Team meeting. Some Goal Team members expressed a lack of clarity regarding their specific role. Some issues of distrust were raised and a feeling of lack of public transparency concerning the process of accepting potential proposals. Ms. Bonner lifted up that proposals equal dollars in the nonprofit world and since most of the Youth Goal Team members represent nonprofits, perhaps altering the language around this
would provide a greater sense of clarity. Goal Team members also highlighted a concern of resident involvement in the process. Mr. Ford explained and reiterated that resident representation is active at Goal Team and Organizing Committee levels. In addition, city staff is working on ways to increase resident involvement in the process of program design inputs.

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

Finalizing proposal process draft

**Ms. Lee, supported by Ms. Hughes, moved to accept the current language within the proposal process draft and share with Goal Team members. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Housing discussion

Ms. Griffin discussed the anti-housing discrimination document she created. Some stated recommendations include Fair Chance Housing Policies, Source of Income (SOI) protection, and creating a local SOI Ordinance. City staff is working with the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE); Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT); and Poverty & Race Research Action Council (PRRAC) to design policies/ordinances related to Ms. Griffin’s housing recommendations. City staff is exploring the legal ramifications regarding possible changes as well as speaking with landlords to address what role they could play in advancing affordable housing.

**New Business**

None.

**Miscellaneous**

Mr. Cooney provided the Opportunity Atlas website as a data resource to the group.

**Public Comments—General**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.
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Minutes
Community Room, City Hall
241 West South Street

Submitted by: Kevin Ford Dated: 10/15/18
(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by: __________________ Dated: 4-29-19
(Staff Liaison)

Approved by: __________________ Dated: 4-29-19
(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair)