Members Present: Brenda Hughes, Carol McGlinn, Cykeia Lee, Tim Ready, Don Cooney, Sholanna Lewis, Linda Snyder, Patrese Griffin, Matt Lynn

Members Absent: Ben Damerow

City Staff: Dorla Bonner, Community Investment Manager; Kevin Ford, Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo Coordinator; Sean Fletcher, Director of Parks & Recreation

Guests: None

**Call to Order**

Chair Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:36 pm.

**Roll Call**

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

**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**

**Guiding principles discussion**
Mr. Ford indicated that this item would be moved to a later agenda and committee members who volunteered to be part of that discussion to establish guiding principles for the Organizing Committee would be convened.

**Proposal process**
Mr. Damerow and Mr. Lynn will work with City Staff to present a draft outlining a proposal process to the Organizing Committee.

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

None.

**New Business**

**Advocacy in Action**
Mr. Ford discussed training opportunities for Organizing Committee members to participate in to learn more about the political advocacy process. Ms. Lewis raised the question of there being value in training opportunities for Organizing Committee and Goal Teams. The Kalamazoo Community Foundation’s Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) initiative could potentially bring trainers here to train both entities.

**Leveraging community concerns to advocate SPK issues**

Mr. Ford proposed to the Organizing Committee the idea of using community concerns to elevate SPK related issues. This is within the context of the recent homeless encampment in Bronson Park. The Organizing Committee agreed that this should be an issue that SPK should deal with. Potential avenues of exploration and action included:

- Addressing systems that perpetuate homelessness
- The City implementing ordinance policies for potential change such as source of income protections, ensuring that landlords can’t go back more than five years regarding evictions
- The City creating its own vouchers
- Countywide would be ideal for any voucher creation design as not to concentrate poverty (any more) in the city.
- Figuring out a way to define locally the term affordability.
- Filling gaps should drive our thought process and leveraging local funding streams and partnerships.
- The creation of a dual diagnostic rehab center for sub abuse/mental health (in-house)
- Increasing the housing first model
- Long-term wrap around services needed

**Miscellaneous**

**Public Comments—General**

None

**Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.*

Submitted by: Kevin Ford Dated: 9/10/18

(Recording Secretary)

Reviewed by: ____________________________  Dated: ________________

(Staff Liaison)
Approved by: [Signature]  Dated: ______________

(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair)