

Shared Prosperity Kalamazoo (SPK) Organizing Committee

August 5, 2019

*Minutes*

Community Room, City Hall  
241 West South Street

**Members Present:** Mayor Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Brenda Hughes, Patrese Griffin, Sholanna Lewis, Ben Damerow, Kym Hollars, Carol McGlinn, Cykeia Lee

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

**Members Absent:** Matt Lynn, Tim Ready

**Guests:**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Damerow called the meeting to order at approximately 12:38 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Approval of Absences**

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

Mayor Hopewell indicated that he will be having a conversation concerning his position and attendance in the committee.

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

**Mr. Damerow supported by Mr. Cooney – moved to approve July 1, 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Mayor Hopewell asked members if there were any objections for August 5, 2019 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**

- **Jobs & Families Goal Team Chairs (Ford, Goal Team Chairs)**

Mr. Damerow updated the committee that himself and Mr. Ford met to discuss their plan for the remainder of the year.

Mr. Ford mentioned that there are two parts of the light grant, one is the creation of the community data system and the second is the site visit.

Ms. Lee mentioned that Mr. Ford and herself have been worked the early childhood proposal into one cohesive proposal, which should be ready and completed soon. Ms. Lee also mentioned that she would like to sit down with the goal teams to discuss opportunities. Ms. Lee briefly explained the opportunities to the committee.

Ms. Hollars mentioned that Mr. Ford and herself met and discussed the goals and values of what they intend to accomplish. She went into brief minor details of their meeting.

Mayor Hopewell questioned if there has been any status update to Goal Teams on the programs that have been funded. Currently there were no members with information to the question.

**New Business**

None responded

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

- **Bylaws (All)**

Mr. Ford informed the committee to review the bylaws and give feedback and suggestions for any revisions.

The committee went back and forth on different suggestions and thoughts what revisions should be made currently to the bylaws. There were some ideas that were postponed for further review before any official decision.

Mr. Cooney suggested possibly including oakwood and vine as a Membership eligible SPK neighborhood. Mr. Cooney also suggested social mobility as an area of focus for the Committee.

- **Ad Hoc Groups (McGlenn, Ford)**

Updates were provided by Ms. McGlenn regarding the Advocacy ad hoc group. Mr. Ford indicated that results from the working definitions ad hoc group would be condensed and posted on the City website to communicate to public.

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- **Housing Ordinance Package (Griffin)**

- Ms. Griffin provided update on proposed housing ordinances to be brought to City Commission before the end of the year. Currently, the City Attorney is making edits to the ordinances.

**Miscellaneous**

**Public Comments - General**

None Responded

**Adjournment**

Ms. McGlinn adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:25 pm

Submitted by: Jennifer Gutierrez

(Recording Secretary)

Dated:

9-9-19

Reviewed by: Kevin Ford

(Staff Liaison)

Dated:

9-9-19

Approved by: Sally Griffin

(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair)

Dated:

9-9-19