Members Present: Mayor Bobby Hopewell, Don Cooney, Brenda Hughes, Patrese Griffin, Sholanna Lewis, Cyekeia Lee, Tim Ready, Ben Damerow, Carol McGlinn

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, Kym Hollars,

Guests: Steve Brown, Richard Cherry

Call to Order

Mayor Hopewell called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Absences

Ms. Lee supported by Mr. Damerow – moved to approve Absences. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

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

Ms. Hughes supported by Ms. Lee – moved to approve September 9, 2019 minutes. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hopewell asked members if there were any objections for October 07, 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

Mr. Damerow briefly updated the committee on the goal team progress, Mr. Damerow mentioned that Mr. Ford has a timeline draft on the goals they would like to complete, and Mr. Ford mentioned that he can have put together for the committee to review. Ms.
Lee mentioned that herself, Ms. Lam and Mr. Ford met with some of the staff from the community foundation to discuss the early childhood proposals.

**New Business**

- **SPK High Impact Fund Update (Kevin Ford)**

Mr. Ford passed around a copy of blank quarterly report for the committee to review and discuss their thoughts about the report. This report will potentially be utilized for the approved programs the committee created.

The Committee expressed high concerned and opposition of potentially being required to submit a quarterly finance report. They believe quarterly requirement is too extensive for them to have to be required to complete.

The City staff, Ms. Bonner and Mr. Ford responded that they will review the proposed report and present another option at the next meeting.

- **Medicaid Eligibility (Ben Damerow)**

Mr. Damerow reviewed the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) PowerPoint presentation with the Committee that recently has been approved by the state to be implanted. He briefly reviewed some of the requirements and the changes and the exemptions of the new HMP as well as other minor details of the program. The committee has already been emailed a copy of the presentation.

- **GARE (Sholanna Lewis)**

Ms. Lewis briefly reviewed collected Data from GARE that she had put together in a PowerPoint presentation, such as the survey data, reasons for denial, County Homelessness etc. The committee reviewed some of the comments that was collecting from individuals about homelessness and the background check for renting and struggle with it when you have a felony background.

The discussed their thoughts about some of the data information that they were aware of and what they were not aware of already.

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

None Responded

**Miscellaneous**
Mayor Hopewell passed around a pamphlet from the Mayors Conference for the committee to look over, which had information about some of the issues that the committee is currently focusing on.

**Public Comments - General**

None Responded

**Adjournment**

Mayor Hopewell adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 pm

Submitted by: Jennifer Gutierrez
(Recording Secretary) Dated: 11-4-19

Reviewed by: [Signature]
(Staff Liaison) Dated: 11-4-19

Approved by: [Signature]
(SPK Organizing Committee Chair/Vice Chair) Dated: 11-4-19