

**Economic Development Corporation
Board of Directors Meeting
September 15, 2022 – 7:30 a.m.**

Agenda

- A. Call to Order – Chair Bolton**
- B. Swearing in of new EDC/BRA Members – Scott Borling, City Clerk**
- C. Roll Call and Motion to Excuse Absent Members** (Action: Motion to excuse absent members)
- D. Adoption of Formal Agenda** (Action: Motion to approve formal agenda)
- E. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of August 18, 2022** (Action: Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on August 18, 2022)
- E. Citizen Comments**
- G. Directors' Comments**
- H. New Business**
 - 1. Approval of a recommendation to the City Clerk to approve the renewal of the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for Green Bronco, LLC dba Mint Cannabis (Adult Use Retailer).
(ACTION: Motion to approve a recommendation to the City Clerk to renew the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for Green Bronco, LLC dba Mint Cannabis (Adult Use Retailer).
 - 2. Approval of a recommendation to the City Clerk to approve the renewal of the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for Kalamazoo Gallery, Inc. dba Herbana (Adult Use Retailer).
(ACTION: Motion to approve a recommendation to the City Clerk to renew the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for Kalamazoo Gallery, Inc. dba Herbana (Adult Use Retailer).
 - 3. Approval of the nomination and election of Nathan Bolton at the EDC Chair, Kevan Hess as BRA Chair and EDC Vice-Chair, Jason Novotny as the BRA Vice Chair and EDC Treasurer/Secretary, and Lucas Middleton as BRA Treasurer/Secretary. (ACTION: Motion to approve the nomination and election of the slate of EDC and BRA officers as presented).
 - 4. Approval of the FY 2023 budget for Fund 702 Economic Development Corporation
(ACTION: Motion to approve budget for fund 702 Economic Development Corporation)
 - 5. Approval of recommendation by the Executive Committee of the Economic Development Corporation to appoint Directors Sharon Ferraro, Andrew Schipper, and

Mike Gurnee to the Projects & Finance Committee (ACTION: Motion to approve recommendation to appoint Directors Sharon Ferraro, Andrew Schipper, and Mike Gurnee to the Projects & Finance Committee)

H. Old Business

I. Communications & Announcements

J. Staff Updates

K. Adjournment

**CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 18, 2022
Community Planning and Economic Development
245 N. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lucas Middleton; Nathan Bolton; Rachel Bair; Kevan Hess; Jason Novotny; Qianna Decker; Sharon Ferraro (to be sworn in as a new member next month)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyle Gulau

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Beth Cheeseman (Executive Administrative Assistant); Clyde Robinson (City Attorney); Jamie McCarthy (Sustainable Development Coordinator); PJ Thuringer (Development Project Coordinator)

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM by Director Bolton.

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Director Hess moved to excuse absent members; seconded by Director Novotny. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

Director Bolton welcomed Ms. Sharon Ferraro to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Director Middleton moved the approval of the agenda as presented; seconded by Director Hess. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Director Bair moved the approval of the minutes from the June 16, 2022 meeting; seconded by Director Decker. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Director Hess moved the approval of the minutes from the July 21, 2022 meeting; seconded by Director Novotny. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Middleton and Commissioner Decker welcomed Ms. Sharon Ferraro to the board. They expressed excitement for the other new members to begin as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of a recommendation to the City Clerk to approve the renewal of the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for 2233 N Burdick, Inc. dba Cannamazoo (Adult Use Retailer).

(ACTION: Motion to approve a recommendation to the City Clerk to renew the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for 2233 N Burdick, Inc. dba Cannamazoo (Adult Use Retailer).

Mr. Thuringer gave a brief review of the application. He shared that the retail store is not open. Cannamazoo's goal is to hire people living in Kalamazoo. They will place ads in grocery stores and other places on the Eastside, Northside, and Edison. Mr. Thuringer reported that they are completing some facility upgrades and have applied for the appropriate building permits. Cannamazoo passed their zoning and fire inspections. They don't ask applicants if they've been convicted of a crime. The Cannabis Committee thinks Cannamazoo has worked hard over the past year.

Mr. Paul Weisberger, representing Cannamazoo, confirmed they turned in building permits for interior and exterior changes. He passed out renderings of the building to the Board members. Mr. Weisberger said they are committed to hiring locally and try to hire 50% or more persons of color. He said they are looking forward to getting people employed. They are also working with the parole office. Mr. Weisberger said they love the City of Kalamazoo.

Commissioner Decker said she appreciated them reaching out to the probation and parole office. She also indicated that Urban Alliance is a great organization with which to partner.

Director Novotny made a motion to approve a recommendation to the City Clerk to renew the Marihuana Business Permit Renewal Application for 2233 N Burdick, Inc. dba Cannamazoo (Adult Use Retailer; seconded by Commissioner Decker.

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thuringer reviewed that in June they had two provisional approvals come through – QPS Holdings and Seven Point Supply. He said he believed that QPS Holdings was moving forward with their requirements. However, Seven Point Supply is moving slowly. Mr. Thuringer worked with the City Attorney's office on this matter. Attorney Robinson said if they are not in compliance within the 90-day extension, they will put them on notice that their license will be revoked. If they revoke the license, Seven Point Supply can appeal.

Director Middleton clarified, and Attorney Robinson agreed, that it would be the EDC Board revoking the license. Mr. Thuringer asked if they would need to have a special meeting to do that. Attorney Robinson said it should be a special meeting. They will need documentation and that would take longer. He indicated that it could be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Commissioner Decker asked how much time was left to accomplish the requirements. Mr. Thuringer said the deadline was September 14. He said the items they needed to do were linked to site plan. Seven Point Supply needs a dumpster enclosure and better access to the FDC. Mr. Thuringer said it was shown on the site plan that those are required.

Director Bolton asked if there had been contact or communication. Mr. Thuringer said they haven't officially communicated anything to the City. They indicated to the zoning inspector that they weren't planning to comply. Attorney Robinson stated they can send them a letter of revocation and give them a number of days to appeal. Commissioner Decker asked if staff reached out to them. Mr. Thuringer said he had not called but planned to reach out to them that week. Commissioner Decker thought it would be a good idea to have it on the record that they reached out.

Director Middleton thought it would be prudent to devote some thought or attention to setting a policy or set of procedures in place for these kinds of situations. He asked if they could discuss that in committee and a future meeting. Commissioner Decker also thought that was a good idea since renewal periods were changing. Mr. Thuringer said there were some new ordinances regarding cannabis. He would get them to the Board for the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

STAFF UPDATES

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 AM

Signature

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