

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

1. ROLL CALL

The Farmington Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority meeting was called to order at 8:04 AM by Vice-Chairman Carron.

Members Present: Accettura, Carron, Graham, O'Dell, Schneemann, Thomas
Members Absent: King
Staff: Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Discussion to amend agenda to table Oct 10 minutes approval, table Nine Mile Pathway discussion, add discussion of Fired & Fused inquiry about facade improvement program.

MOTION to approve the agenda, as amended made by Graham, support by O'Dell.

PASSED unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the October 29, 2024 minutes (Joint Council/CIA special meeting) made by Schneemann, supported by O'Dell.

PASSED unanimously.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Farmington Hills Grand River Corridor Market Study

Discussion of Farmington Hills City Council's approval for a market study – what such a study includes, and examples of similar activities previously done in Farmington. The board also discussed the possibility of upcoming joint meetings between Farmington & Farmington Hills CIA in early 2025.

B. Review of Joint Council Meeting Discussion

The Board discussed the October 29 joint Council/CIA meeting. Consensus was that it was a productive conversation with good dialogue between the teams. The discussion revealed shared priorities, including facilitating the improvement of the former Winery building/site and building a relationship with Corridor area businesses. The board discussed various funding approaches and what was needed to enact the plans.

C. Capital Improvement Program

A CIA board member is needed to represent the Authority during the budget process.

MOTION to nominate Randy O'Dell as representative to the Capital Improvement Program team made by Schneemann, supported by Thomas.

PASSED unanimously.

D. Fired & Fused inquiry about facade improvement program

Fired & Fused, a business operating within the Grand River Corridor in Farmington, approached the City regarding the possibility of facade improvement grant money. The business owners were familiar with Farmington Hills offering such a program. At this time, the Farmington Grand River CIA does not have an active facade improvement program. Historical reasons for this were discussed, as well as questions surrounding the differences between Farmington and Farmington Hills CIA plans. Staff shared relevant pages from the latest Grand River CIA plan, which showed allowed uses for captured funds within the CIA. There was discussion as to the definition of a “catalytic” project. Agreement to resume discussion of this topic at the December meeting, after members and staff had the opportunity for further research.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public in attendance.

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

No additional board member comment.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn made by Thomas, supported by Richard

PASSED unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:32 AM.