



RIVERFRONT DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

1315 S. Washington Avenue
Council Chambers – Room 205
989.399.1311
January 9, 2024
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Moton called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Abraham Allen, Erin Andrus, Aaron Bedford, Martin Chelekis, John Humphreys, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Tom Miller, John Moton, Manager Morales
Absent: Mark Fischer, Mike Hanley, Vee Murugan, Travis Hare, Robert Gollin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Keenan-Lechel, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the November 14, 2023, minutes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

Commissioner Murugan and Robert Gollin entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT:

Vice Chair Moton asked Clerk Bolzman to read a letter of resignation from Commissioner Cottrell. Vice Chair Moton reminded commissioners that they are invited to the upcoming City Council Strategic Planning session.

REPORTS:

- **SVRC ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Commissioner Andrus reported that a donor wall option is in development stages and will be presented at the February meeting. She reported that the requests will be for ongoing costs such as maintenance. Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported that by the end of 2026 the trail should be fully redone.

- **SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL**

Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported that the city is moving to fully engineered plans to make the connections.

- **CITY MANAGER**

No report.

- **DDA/Old Town/Land Bank**

Commissioner Miller reported that he and Manager Morales met with Medical Diamond Stakeholders and infrastructure committee. The city has accepted \$30.3 million in infrastructure funds from the State. Preliminary work continues. He reported that the CMU Board of Trustees approved to partner with the city.

- **RIVERFRONT LOOP**

No report.

- **BEAUTIFICATION DAY**

Commissioner Keenan-Lechel reported that the Community Foundation and the United Way host a spring into service day simultaneously and that it will help identify potential residents that need clean-up help if there is interest in a collaborative effort.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Commissioner Andrus, seconded by Commissioner Hanley to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman, MiPMC/CMC
City Clerk