

MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2024  
FARMINGTON HILLS  
GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY  
JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER  
29260 GRAND RIVER AVENUE  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

**CALLED TO ORDER BY:** MAYOR THERESA RICH AT 8:15 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RICH, SMITH, ALKHAFAJI, NEWLIN

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** MANN, PRICE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Rich, support by Alkhafaji, to approve the agenda as submitted.  
Unanimously carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Rich, support by Alkhafaji to approve the January 4, 2024 meeting minutes as submitted.  
Unanimously carried.

**BUSINESS:**

Cristia Brockway reintroduced the Tax Increment Finance and Development Plan for the Corridor Improvement Authority. She covered details regarding the powers of the authority, vision, and general goals within the plan. Such powers included project areas for community and/or public improvements, acquisition of property, and improve buildings within the development area.

Mayor Theresa Rich discussed using the corridor funds as a potential reserve for a Grand River art program.

Members of the board shared their thoughts on showcasing the Jon Grant Community Center as an asset for the surround neighborhoods and corridor. Mayor Rich offered to provide some dates for coffee hours with the Mayor later in the year. It was shared that the community center can be used in great ways, but events must start small to re-establish Jon Grant as an asset within the immediate community. As more people become familiar with the facility once more, then perhaps the CIA could sponsor a block party or some type of focal-point event for the corridor.

Mrs. Brockway and the members of the board discussed the power of assisting with multi-family projects and a potential area along Grand River that may be transformational for both residents and economic growth. There may be an interest of an old property to be redeveloped into multi-family, but the project might need assistance.

Looking ahead, Mrs. Brockway shared what the next agenda might look like in terms of discussion. It is planned to have corridor points of interest and their status, zoning, future goals, and the use of the authority budget for projects. The election of officers will be moved to the next meeting in March.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Forest Park Subdivision is holding a committee meeting at a time to be determined.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Smith, support by Alkhafaji to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m.  
Unanimously carried.

Minutes drafted by:      Cristia Brockway