



CITY OF OAK PARK

Corridor Improvement Authority

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CITY OF OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room, City Hall, 14000 Oak Park Blvd, Oak Park, MI 48237 by Chair Novik, and roll call was made.

PRESENT:
Board Member Novik
Board Member Jones
Board Member Edgar
Board Member Shamily (12:06)
Board Member Peteet (12:09)

ABSENT:
Board Member Wujcik
Board Member Parish

OTHERS PRESENT:
CIA Manager Michelle Bishop
Deputy City Clerk Jo Lynn Williams-Elliott

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF JANUARY 20, 2026

MOTION by Jones, SECONDED by Edgar to approve the agenda for January 20, 2026, with the addition of 6D- logo update.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2025

MOTION by Jones, SECONDED by Shamily, to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025, as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. MISSION STATEMENT: The mission statement was read by Chairperson Novick

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. 11 Mile Water Tower Social District Mural Discussion – Bishop shared a visual concept provided by the artist. Novick requested that all board member suggestions be submitted in a single thread so they can be compiled and reviewed in one centralized location.
- B. 11 Social District Project Update – Bishop met with the business owners, and overall feedback was very positive. All of the owners expressed satisfaction with the progress of the project. The second lot will receive its final layer of asphalt once weather conditions allow. The fire pits were installed this past Thursday, and seating installation is currently underway. All remaining items have been ordered, including the hardware needed to secure the string lights. The project is anticipated to be completed in April or May. Business owners were also invited to share ideas for a kickoff celebration.
- C. Bylaw Amendments – Novick provided a new revision of the bylaw amendments. He did an overview of all the new edits that were made. Bishop stated the bylaws should align with goals and the timing of the elections. Also, Bishop informed the board that a set time for board elections need to be added to the bylaws. Edgar suggested that the board align elections right after council appointments in February or August. The bylaws once complete, will have to be approved by council and the city attorney. Another revision will be sent via email.
- D. OP Logo Update- The logo probably won't be presented until June- State of the City along with the new website.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Meetings: There are two committees that have formed- Marketing and Promotions as well as Design and Organization Committee. Novick will head the design committee and Parish will head the marketing committee. Bishop provided a list of interested volunteers for the committees.
- B. 2026-2027 Budget- Bishop has an idea list that she plans to share. The ideas selected will need to get cost estimates assigned quickly. The budget must be finalized before the end of March. Jones stated that he has 9 ideas which would total about \$300,000.

8. MANAGER UPDATE:

- Bishop and Marrone went to Orlando to visit their corridors and Main Street managers. She shared that she learned so much and that the conversation is ongoing. A few things to note is that she noticed that all of their districts have art, the other corridors don't have a TIF and the businesses all contribute. The National Conference is in April.
- It would be a good idea to start looking at pictures for the banners since there are so many.
- Meeting with Finance to wrap her hands around the budget. Also to figure out how to move forward if the TIF leaves.

9. BUDGET FINANCE REPORT: There a facade grant that went out. Gas bill for the firepits, last event

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: Jones stated that the committee names need to be consistent, and Bishop informed the board that MSOC suggested new names and agreed that the names should be consistent. Edgar suggested that if TIF goes away, the assessment model would be a good idea. Novick acknowledged that this is Jones' last meeting and thanked Don for his ideas and effort during his term.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.