



# CITY OF OAK PARK

## Corridor Improvement Authority

**Mayor**  
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**Mayor Pro Tem**  
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**City Manager**  
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### CITY OF OAK PARK CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 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.

*\*\*\*NOTE: Due to two new members being added to the board, before the meeting began, everyone went around the room to introduce themselves. Wyndy Shamily and Don Jones are no longer on the board.*

PRESENT: Board Member Novik  
Board Member Edgar  
Board Member Wujcik  
Board Member Parish  
Board Member Gierada  
Board Member Johnson  
Board Member Peteet (12:12)

ABSENT: None

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

#### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

**MOTION by Edgar, SECONDED by Wujcik** to approve the agenda for February 19, 2026.

VOTE: Yes: All  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026**

**MOTION by Edgar, SECONDED by Wujcik**, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2026, as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: All  
No: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission statement was read by Board Member Wujcik

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. 11 Mile Water Tower Social District Mural Project/Mural Update – Bishop shared a visual concept provided by the artist. Novick requested that all board members' suggestions be submitted in a single thread so they can be compiled and reviewed in one centralized location. Mural still needs to be approved by the City Council. Another meeting with the 11 Mile contractor will be held in March to determine next steps to finish the project. At the beginning of March, there will be a meeting to determine the next steps. The middle parking lot needs another layer of asphalt. String lights, furniture, and landscaping still need to be added. Bishop applied for a 60K safety grant initiative for creative sidewalks for the Water Tower District. If we win, an RPF will be made to get bids for this project. However, there could possibly be a portion of the cost that may not be covered by the 60k and would need to be covered by the CIA.

**Motion made** by Edgar and seconded by Parish to have the CIA cover the excess cost remaining from the sidewalk project not to exceed \$20k.

Yes: ALL  
No: NONE

### **Motion Carried**

- B. 11 Social District Project Ribbon Cutting– The event will now be attended by Oakland County executives and Board of Commissioners. Bishop is working to coordinate open dates with Oakland County and Oak Park team members. Looking for July dates to avoid the event hub grand opening June 30. Initially, there was discussion about a possible 3-day event during the week to avoid conflict within Jewish community, but now it just may be a one-day event. Any weekend events need to be approved by the Communications department. Once the date is solidified, more information will follow.
- C. Bylaw Amendments – Novick will meet with Edgar to discuss some of the amendments. Will share with the group.
- D. 2026/2027 Budget – Gearing up for budget season. The board needs to have the budget solidified before the March 23<sup>rd</sup> when Bishop will meet with the City Manager, then it will be presented to the City Council. Bishop submitted her ideal list to the board. She mentioned possibly partnering with Recreation department and also possibly getting more events for the 11 Mile social district. New City Rebranding will be launched at the event hub grand opening, scheduled for June 30. After that, the wayfinding and welcome sign project will begin. There may be additional monies left over from this year's budget that will roll over into 2026-2027.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. New Board Member Introductions: Kyle Gierada – owner of Dog and Pony on 11 Mile Rd. and Tenecia Johnson – Oak Park resident, both gave brief introductions, and they were welcomed by the board.
- B. Landscaping RFP: The landscaping RFP will be put out next week. This will include the islands on Oak Park Blvd in front of City Hall, the Pump House area (8 & Coolidge), 10 Mile and Coolidge parking median on southwest corner, as well as on 11 Mile with the new Social District project.
- C. America in Bloom is a national company that partners with Main Street communities to help change the look and feel of districts. MSOC has partnered with this company, and therefore they will pay half of the membership fee; the CIA is responsible for the other

half. The CIA would pay \$1,050 for district evaluation and expert guidance for a plan/recommendation for layers of improvement, with landscaping and art.

**Motion made** by Parish and seconded by Wujcik to purchase a membership to America in Bloom for a fee of \$1050.

Yes: ALL  
No: NONE

**Motion Carried**

- C. RFP for 10760 W 9 Mile: This area will be built as a mixed-use development; store fronts on the bottom and housing on top. After the last environmental study, hazardous material was found and needs to be studied further. All costs for studies will eventually be paid for by the company that purchases the building, and funds will be returned to the CIA.

**Motion made** by Parish and seconded by Edgar to pay \$3,937.50 for the extra cost of the hazardous materials and environmental study analysis for the 9 Mile building.

Yes: ALL  
No: NONE

**Motion Carried**

**8. MANAGER UPDATE:**

- Bishop announced that there is a new Main Street America board manual that was provided to add to everyone's board binders.
- Bishop will be at the MSOC Summit on March 19 and needs to change the date of the March meeting. The board agreed to meet on March 12<sup>th</sup> instead. Board members were invited to attend the summit.
- Match on Main Street grant is now open, and Bishop will start promoting it. The CIA will look to submit 2 applicants. Project reviews will happen in April.
- The OPCIA can submit an application for MSOC partner level in January 2027.
- The Tri-city Magic of Customer Service seminar is coming up on 2/24 in Southfield. It is free and open to everyone.
- Bishop asked the board to like her social media posts and share them if they see them.
- The City is getting a new website, and the CIA will have its own designated page within the site.

**9. BUDGET FINANCE REPORT:** The only cost paid out was for Bishop's salary

**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:** Johnson asked if the CIA supports small business Saturday. Bishop shared that we hand out materials to businesses, and we promote Shop Small on social media, along with Black Friday/Cyber Monday specials. Oakland County holds their Gem Sweepstakes contest to help promote shopping small, but it has been a challenge to get businesses on board.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Don Jones invited everyone to attend the upcoming Labor Day celebration at the event hub.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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Jo Lynn Williams-Elliott, Deputy City Clerk