

Highland Park TIFA

12050 Woodward Avenue

Highland Park, MI. 48203

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of Jan. 16, 2024

ATTENDING Members: Gregoire Eugene Lewis, Leslie Robinson, Trevor Sarter, Scott E. Boswell, Bishop V. Ricardo Thomas, Mayor Glenda McDonald

ABSENT: Kaci Jackson, Christopher Woodard

PUBLIC GUESTS: 3

- Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by the Chairman, Mr. Louis.
- No agenda was available.
- The Board members were asked to introduce themselves as this was the first official meeting of the newly appointed board.
- The Chairman passed out the binders containing pertinent information of the Highland Park TIFA and went over the basic definition, purpose, financing and governance of the Authority. TIFA is governed according to the laws of the State of Michigan. He also discussed other potential funding opportunities that the Board could access such as federal funding through Main Street. Also TIFA can obtain funding through other funding organizations. He stated that the city via TIFA owns 18% of the Ford Administration Building on Woodward valued at about \$200,000.
- The Mayor briefly discussed the dual position of the TIFA Board Members also serving as the Board for the Brownfield Authority. The business affairs of each Board is completely separate and must be conducted in separate meetings. The Boards' officers are also elected separately. Current projects going on in the TIFA district is the Kuris Development Project on 20 Bartlett and the Joe Louis Greenway Development. The Mayor expects TIFA to provide as many lucrative opportunities for small businesses as possible. A new CED Director will be in place as of January 22, 2024.
- Currently, TIFA's bank statements go to the city finance department and the city acts as the fiduciary. Members expressed that TIFA should take a more active role in accounting for its own finances in the future.
- Questions were accepted from some members of the public in attendance.
- Motion was made by L. Robinson to adjourn the meeting; seconded by ??
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:55pm