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Minutes
April 21, 2025

The Michigan Urban Enterprise Association conducted a meeting on April 21, 2025, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in-person and on Zoom. This meeting was open and was held in the NECA/IBEW Building, located at 301 East Eighth Street, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Board Members Present: Tristan Smith, Bruce de'Medici, Dakota Euler, Wendy Willis, and Joseph Nelson. A quorum was present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to amend the agenda to move New Business to the second item on the Agenda, to accommodate the number of residents attending to present their grants. Motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Residential and Beautification Grant Requests

Searcy Augusta

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$7,500.00

Motion was seconded and passed

Kevin and Rayniece Cooper

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$4,000.00.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Annie Garrett

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$5,000.00.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Melvan Gardner

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$7,500.00.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Jacqueline Dyer

Ms. Dyer did not attend to present her grant.

Motion was made to continue her petition to the May 2025 meeting.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Theola Wright

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$500.00

Motion was seconded and passed.

Mary Newson

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$5,000.00.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Talisha Roberts

Motion was made to approve a grant of \$4,000.00.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Britney Rodriguez

Motion was made to approve a reimbursable grant of \$500.00.

Motion was seconded and passed

Westside Neighborhood Garden

Motion was made to pull the petition from table status and consider it.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Then a motion was made to table the petition until the May 2025 meeting.

The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Past Minutes

Discussion occurred that minutes for the 2024 meetings in April, July, August, October, and November had been prepared.

Motion was made to coordinate delivery of those completed minutes to Michigan City.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Retention of Records

Motion was made to purge records older than seven years.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Debit Card

Motion was made to obtain a debit card for UEA purposes and authorize Miss Williams to use it to purchase up to \$200.00 in a month for regular and usual supplies.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Amending Income Guidelines

Motion was made to form a committee to consider adjusting the income guidelines for approval of grant requests.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Logo

Motion was made to approve the proposed logo.

Motion was seconded and approved.

Mission Statement

Motion was made to approve the following as the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Association Mission Statement: to foster economic growth and community development within the Michigan City Urban Enterprise Zone. A vision of a thriving and vibrant Michigan City Urban Enterprise Zone that offers opportunities for businesses and residents and a mission to facilitate investment, provide resources, and promote collaboration to revitalize the Michigan City urban enterprise zone.

Motion was seconded and passed.

Website/Social Media

Motion was made to earmark \$500 towards social media graphics and designs.

Motion was not seconded and was not passed.

Public Comment

No members appeared for public comment.

Directors' Comment

Noted that Michigan City has updated its website to permit a user to search if an address is within the Enterprise Zone

Adjourn

Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion was seconded and passed.

President:

Justin Smith

Date:

07/28/2025