Michigan City Board of Zoning and Appeals (BZA)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025, City Hall; Common Council Chambers, 100 East Michigan Blvd.

-Meeting Minutes-

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President Jackson at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Dr. Dominique Edwards (Director of Planning, non-voting): **Present:** President Ricky Jackson, Ms. Debroah Vance, Mr. Brian Gross, Ms. Kathy Stransky, Mr. Fred Klinder. **Absent:** Attorney Steve Hale
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made by Ms. Stransky to approve the July 8, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Vance and was approved with the following vote:
   AYES (5): Jackson, Vance, Gross, Stransky, Klinder
   NAYS (0): NONE

4. **PETITION(S):**
   - **B-101-25: Crew Carwash**

- Dr. Edwards introduced petition B-101-25 as Crew carwash and stated that they had electronically submitted a continuance for a petition on the September meeting.
- President Jackson asked if Attorney Willoughby had anything to add for the continuance.
- Attorney Willoughby came to the podium and introduced himself as Christopher Willoughby from Brady, Nelson, James and is here on behalf of the petitioners and Dr. Edwards indicated. He states that he apologizes for the request he was recently retained regarding the matter. He stated that he knows there were some updates to the meeting packet and after consultation with clients they tend to try and do things thorough and ordered and it is important in this case to make sure that the board has all the information necessary to make an informed decision. So, even though it is not taken lightly, and certainly they would hate the perception of wasting the board's time, but in the best interest of having this petition be fully and thoroughly, so that again the board has all the information they feel is necessary to be addressed. They also think there are some lingering questions, and more information would assist in helping the board make a fully informed decision. Attorney Willoughby formally requests to continue this public hearing, recognizing the service and publication of a notice and continuing to the September meeting.

  President Jackson asked the board if there was a motion or discussion.
  Mr. Klinder made a motion to approve the continuance of petition B-101-25 to September 9th, 2025, board meeting, seconded by Ms. Vance and was approved with the following vote:
  AYES(5): Jackson, Klinder, Stransky, Vance, Gross
  NAYS(0): NONE

5. **OLD BUSINESS: NONE**

6. **NEW BUSINESS:NONE**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Scott Meland, 200 Kenwood Pl, made a comment

Tommy Kulavic,1316 Ohio St, made a comment

8. **BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Gross made a comment addressing Scott Meland's public comment stating that places who were granted a use variance with requirement attached to them and are not following the requirements can be reported to the Board of Zoning and Appeals but are enforced by the Planning Commission, but we cannot do anything about it if no one is reporting that they are not following the requirements.

Mr. Klinder made a comment stating he did not have a comment.

President Jackson asked the board if there was a motion to adjourn

Mr. Gross made a motion to adjourn today's meeting, seconded by Ms. Vance and was approved with the following vote:
AYES(5): Jackson, Klinder, Vance, Stransky, Gross
NAY(0): NONE

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned August 12, 2025, at 6:14 p.m.

Deborah Vance, Vice Chair
~~**President Ricky Jackson**~~
Vice Chair Deborah Vance

~~Kathy M Stransky~~
Secretary Kathy Stransky