

Fairgrounds Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday – December 10, 2013 – 3:00pm

Members Present: Greg O’Neal, Craig Vanderburg, Frank Hammer  
Members Absent: Doris Ewing, Kim Tandy

Staff Present: Kim Homan, Michigan Land Bank  
Jill Robinson, Michigan Land Bank  
Mario Morrow, State of Michigan

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman O’Neal, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Jill Robinson presented the roll call. A quorum was declared.

**Moment of Silence**

To observe the life of Nelson Mandela

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman O’Neal presented the agenda for approval.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Project Update from Magic Plus, LLC / REDICO
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

Member Hammer asked to add the following items:

- 4a. Next Steps – through February of next year
- 4b. Proposal regarding DFC
- 4c. Visioning Sessions
- 4d. Purchase Agreement Update

***Motion:*** Member Hammer / ***Supported by:*** Member Vanderburg  
*“To accept agenda with changes”*

***MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY***

**Magic Plus, LLC / REDICO Project Update**

Chairman O’Neal invited the development team to report on the progress of the project. Ken Till, Dale Watchowski, Joel Ferguson, Marvin Beatty and David Ferguson were all in attendance to represent the team.

There was discussion regarding master planning firms, current work happening and next steps.

- Master Planning Firms are currently being reviewed through an RFP process
- Site Survey and an environmental assessment are currently underway.
- Anticipate 5-6 months of community engagement; then an additional timeline will be developed by the Project Team.
- All transit groups will be engaged by the development team
- Once a master planning firm is selected the DFC team will be re-engaged
- Visioning Sessions
  - When the master planning firm is selected, there will be more specific information about when and where the sessions will take place
  - One roll of the FAC will be to help narrow down ideas from community
- The Purchase Agreement has been executed; the Development Agreement is being negotiated and is anticipated to be executed in the coming months

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman O'Neal asked for public comments.

- Tami Salisbury, 8 Mile Boulevard Association
- Karen Hammer, State Fair Development Coalition
- Jim Casha, Norwich Canada
- Bob Lang, Green Acres Neighborhood Association

Chairman O'Neal closed the public comment

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion:* Member Vanderburg / *Supported by:* Member Hammer

***MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY***

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Robinson  
Property Analyst