

**Arcadia Neighborhood Association
May 20, 2024 Minutes**

I. President Rex Brueggeman called the meeting to order.
Attendance was recorded.

II. April Minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Old Business:

A. **Kendall Ave. Pathway Project:** On April 26, Rex Brueggeman and Ken Larson met with James Baker, Director of Public Services, and Jay Slabey, Kalamazoo's City Activator, to continue the discussion on how to best complete the Kendall Ave. *urban pathway project*. It was recommended that the project be identified and funded as a City project and submitted as a future budget item.

A. **Internal Positive Neighborhood Projects** (Plant Exchange, landscaping; other): The Plant Exchange Project that took place April 27 was success. The ANA looks forward to promoting this project in the coming years.

A. **Report on Meetings with the City in various forms:** The City is in the process of developing a plan to redesign West Michigan Ave. The City will be asking for input from a number of stakeholders. During the April 26 meeting, James Baker informed the group how roadway development has evolved over time and how earlier designs were meant to move traffic from Point A to Point B as quickly as possible. Now the goal is to "tamper" the flow of traffic and design streets that are also pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Rex Brueggemann emphasized that it would seem logical that the future design of W. Michigan Ave. be consistent with ongoing street modifications within the City.

Beginning this summer the City will begin work on the stretch of road from Stadium Dr. to the Howard St. including the Howard St./W. Michigan Ave. intersection.

On June 26th, Arcadia representatives will join the WMU Team and partners at WMU Student Center to provide input as part of the university's latest campus master plan process.

D. Treasurer's Report: The ANA account will be moved to the First National Bank.

E. ANA incorporation: Operating Agreement: *Articles of Incorporation* are completed. The next step is to complete the *Operating Agreement*.

F. 30 Speakers Project: The Arcadia Neighborhood Board is committed to increasing community participation as we engage with the City in future Kalamazoo City projects such as the West Michigan Ave. street modification and residential zoning. These projects will have a significant effect on the quality of life in and around the Arcadia neighborhood. Therefore, the more voices expressing the Arcadia neighborhood vision the more influence we will have on how these changes evolve.

IV. New Business

A. Ice Cream Social: The annual Arcadia Ice Cream Social will be held on National Night Out August 6th.

B. Fiber Optic Spools: A deal has been brokered. The abandoned fiber optic spools located on Duxbury will be removed.

V. Meeting was adjourned.