

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

June 5, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Members Absent:

Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT – Grand Region
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of May Minutes.

The May GVMC Board meeting minutes were approved.

MOTION – To Approve the May, 2008 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Fehsenfeld. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Finance Department

Second Quarter Fiscal Report and Budget Amendment

Don Stypula reported on the second quarter fiscal report and budget amendment. He referred to the memo in the board meeting agenda packet for specifics. The amendment has been approved by both the Finance and Executive committees

MOTION – To Approve the Second Quarter Fiscal Report and Budget Amendment. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Transportation

a. Amendments to the FY 08-11 TIP

Abed Itani described the requested amendments to the FY 08-11 TIP which were for building infrastructure for ITS and MDOT projects swapped as per the paperwork in the board agenda packet. The Amendment has been approved by the Policy and Tech committees.

**MOTION – To Approve the Requested Amendments to the FY 08-11 TIP.
MOVE – Fox. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. UPWP & Budget 08-09

Abed Itani explained the Unified Planning Work Program and budget for FY08-09. He reported on the activities needed to comply with SAFETEA-LOU . He also reviewed the transit study for which ITP is giving \$150,000; \$150,000 match; and \$40,000 local match (a portion of which has been offered by Kent County). Moving expenses also are in the budget and fall under indirect expense.

Areas which showed large differences from last year are:

- The travel demand model which will be expanded for air quality reasons. MDOT has agreed to compensate GVMC for it as it falls outside the region.
- Ozone Action will be expanded with more SEMAC funding.
- Transit Study

The Unified Work Program is on the GVMC web site in its entirety.

**MOTION – To Approve the UPWP & Budget 08-09. MOVE – Meek.
SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Office Space

Don Stypula reported on the progress of finding new office space for GVMC. The recommendation is for offices at the Riverview building. The current proposal calls for \$12 psf with a yearly escalator of 3%. It also has an escape clause. The location has abundant free parking and plenty of natural light. The Waters Building Management (the same group that manages the Trust Building) also manages Riverview, and we have had a very amiable lease negotiation process.

Cy Moore reported a good analysis has been done and the management company has been very easy to work with. They will also extend the current lease monthly until the new space is available.

Don Hilton stated he is impressed with the escape clause as well as the current management. A move to a new location has long been due.

MOTION - To Authorize the Executive Director to Enter into Lease Negotiations for the Riverview Property. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Legislative

Don Stypula reported on the resolution to strengthen penalties for theft of valuable scrap metals.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Strengthen Penalties for Theft of Valuable Scrap Metal. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – FOX. MOTION CARRIED.

Don Stypula reported on the storm water utilities bill sponsored by Senator Birkholz. The bill would allow municipalities to assess a storm water fee. The issue probably won't move before the July 4th break.

Environmental Bond – Don Stypula reported the Legislative Committee will review this issue next Wednesday. Last month Steve Chester reported on the \$1.3 billion environmental bond, the bulk of which would go to the brownfield program. There is no activity on this currently. Per Steve Chester, the legislature is prepared to put it in the budget negotiation mix. Don will send a summary to everyone as soon as the meeting is finished.

8. Growing Communities Conference

Andy Bowman reported on the plans for the Growing Communities Conference on June 12, at the Prince Center. We have a very interesting list of speakers and several great breakout sessions planned. Registration is coming along well.

The Blueprint Award will be presented to the City of Grand Rapids for their zoning rewrite.

9. Other

The next GVMC Board Meeting will be held on July 14th at 10:00 a.m. preceding the Quarterly Luncheon at the Prince Center.

10. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.