

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 4, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
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:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Bulkowski	Disability Advocates
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the August 2008 GVMC Board Meeting with corrections. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – VerHeulen. MOTION CARRIED.

4. GVMC FY 2008-2009 Budget

Public Hearing opened at 8:37 a.m.

Don Stypula stated there were no changes in the proposed budget since it was reviewed by the Board at last month’s meeting. There is a net expense over revenue due to the added expenses of moving the office to a new location.

Treasurer Cy Moore stated he had no additional comments.

Peter Varga stated GVMC and the Rapid have good cooperative relationship. The budget includes federal transit funds and he supports it.

David Bulkowski stated he supports the budget in whole and noted the \$10,000 match for the transit study. There is great interest in moving the study up as soon as possible and possibly expanding transit lines even beyond those in the study. He thanked the Council for its help in this effort.

Public Hearing closed – 8:41 a.m.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC FY 2008-2009 Budget. MOVE - Sheets. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Report from Nominating Committee

Kurt Kimball reported on the results of the search for an additional GVMC At-Large member. Three finalists: Mike Faas, Mike Shiebler, and John Helmholdt were interviewed on August 7. All of the candidates had excellent qualifications. It was thought that with Carol Sheets and Doyle Hayes, GVMC already has adequate representation from Metro Hospital; therefore Mike Faas was taken out of contention. Both Mike Shiebler and John Helmholdt would make excellent at-large members; however the recommendation of the committee is to refer the appointment of John Helmholdt to the GVMC Board.

Kurt Kimball also stated that the Nominating committee would be meeting to select the FY 200802009 GVMC officers and Executive committee. If anyone would like to serve the Council in this capacity, please contact Kurt as soon as possible.

MOTION – To Approve John Helmholdt as an At-Large GVMC Member. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED

6. Legislative

Rick Root discussed the Reform Michigan Now ballot proposal and the Legislative committee's decision not to take a position on it. The proposal has been taken off the ballot because it was deemed as unconstitutional by the courts.

Rick Root stated there will be a Legislative Breakfast at the Prince Center on December 15, at 9:00 a.m. and encouraged all to attend.

Don Stypula updated the Council on transportation funding.

Peter Varga also discussed transportation funding and the results of the transportation funding task force.

7. Date Change of October Meeting

MOTION – To Reschedule the October GVMC Board Meeting for October 13, 10:30 a.m. at the Prince Center. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – VerHulst. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Adjournment – 9:20 a.m.

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