

# GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

## Board Meeting

January 6, 2011

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Commission Chambers

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

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

#### Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Phil Van Noord	Village of Middleville
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

#### Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
John Helmholdt	At-Large
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville

Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Sandi Frost Parrish	Kent County
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**Others Present:**

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Tubbs	City of Hastings

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the December GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Strategic Initiatives**

Don Stypula reported he is making progress in implementing the strategic initiatives. It is a growing document and given the current resources he has been able to attract volunteers, graduate assistant, & interns to accomplish the objectives. There are six items which are considered most critical. A task force meeting next week on the 19<sup>th</sup> regarding governance. The other key elements are service sharing, and information and document sharing, locally and nationally. A new more detailed inventory will be created than what was had in the past. All the information will be put on a database for members to review. Another element is cooperative training. A person will also be working on emerging issues.

Information will be funneled to members as well as elected and appointed officials via an electronic newsletter.

Don will do a graphical report on the strategic initiatives in the future.

## 5. Legislative

Rick Root reported the January Legislative Committee meeting would be held on January 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the River Room of the Riverview Building. Legislators will be invited for a continental breakfast and discussion on GVMC's legislative priorities.

## 6. Transportation

### **Amendments to the GVMC FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Kent County Road Commission, the City of Hudsonville and ITP/The Rapid**

Due to several changes being requested by KCRC, the City of Hudsonville and ITP to the FY2011-2014 TIP, staff is requesting approval of the following changes: The KCRC is requesting to add two trail projects to the FY2011-2014 TIP. The first trail project is the "Fred Meijer Kenowa Trail" at a total cost of \$4,021,919. The second trail is West Michigan Regional Trail Network Connection "Musketawa Trail to White Pine Trail Connector" at a total cost of \$2,400,000. The City of Hudsonville is requesting to Advance Construct an FY2012 project, 32nd Avenue from M-121 to Highland Drive in FY2011. ITP/The Rapid has several changes to the FY2011 – 2014 TIP.

**MOTION – To Amend the GVMC FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as Described Above. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.**

The FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) includes the budget for all federally assisted transportation planning activities that the GVMC Transportation Division, the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), will undertake. Any changes in the federal funding amounts under work items in the UWP warrant a UWP amendment and approval by the GVMC Board. Staff is requesting the amendment of the FY2011 UWP, to add federal State Planning and Research (SPR) Program funds to initiate a US-131 corridor feasibility study from 100th street to M-57. GVMC will assist the MDOT Grand Region in this feasibility corridor study by providing the modeling support needed, using the Grand Rapids urbanized area Travel Demand Model, to assess the impacts and feasibility of various multi-modal integrated transportation options, and sustainable land use patterns, within the corridor study area. GVMC will also assist MDOT with public and agency involvement activities for the corridor study. The corridor study is expected to take two years to complete. Staff is requesting to amend "Work Item 3.2", Technical Assistance, for the amount of \$75,000 in SPR funds. In order for GVMC to retain these funds the FY2011 UPWP needs to be amended.

**MOTION – To Amend the GVMC FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program for the US-131 / I-96 Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. Change of Meeting Date for February & April GVMC Board Meetings**

**MOTION – To Change the Date of the February GVMC Meeting to Monday, February 7, 2011 and Change the April Meeting to Monday, April 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Prince Center. MOVE – May. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Other**

**None**

**9. Adjourn – 9:45 a.m.**

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.**