

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

October 8, 2012

10:30 a.m.

Prince Center – Calvin College
Grand Rapids

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Richard Clanton	City of Kentwood
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
John Helmholdt	At-Large Member
Cindy Janes	Cascade Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Roger Wills	City of Belding
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Brenda McNabb-Stang	City of Hastings
Stg. Tony Stein	Barry County
Sue Reyff	Village of Middleville
Peter Varga	ITP / The Rapid
Phil VanNoord	Village of Middleville
Steve Warren	Kent County Road Commission
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Welcome

Chair Jim Buck welcomed some special guests including Sue Reyff, Phil VanNoord, and Stg. Tony Stein from Middleville.

3. Minutes

MOTION: To Approve the Minutes of the September GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE - Meek. SUPPORT – Nevins-Weiss. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Amendment of the GVMC Unified Work Program for ITP / The Rapid

Abed Itani explained the request for amendment to the Unified Work Program. It is being requested by ITP for a feasibility study on Lake Michigan Drive for \$600,000. The amendment has been approved by the Policy Committee.

MOTION – To Approve the Requested Amendment to the Unified Work Program for ITP. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Board Schedule

John Weiss reviewed the GVMC meeting schedule for 2012/2013. The GVMC Board meetings in January, April, July and October will be held in conjunction with the Quarterly Luncheon's rather than on the first Thursday of the month. Legislative Committee meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

7. Legislative Report

Mike DeVries reported on the recommendation of the Legislative Committee to support ballot proposal #1 and oppose #5 & #6. The Legislative Committee did not have time to fully vet the remaining proposals.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposals.

MOTION – To Support Michigan Ballot Proposal #1 and Oppose Proposals # 5 & #6. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Howe. MOTIN CARRIED.

MOTION – To Oppose the Use of Special Amendments to the Michigan Constitution for Issues Which Could be Handled Through the Legislative Process. MOVE – Arends. SUPPORT – Nevins-Weiss. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Oppose Michigan Ballot Proposals #2 & #3 Because They are Issues Which Should be Handled Through the Legislative Process. MOVE – Howe. SUPPORT – Nevins-Weiss. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion w Attorney General Bill Schuette

9. Adjournment – 11:45 a.m.