

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

November 6, 2014

8:30 a.m.

City of Wyoming Offices

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Al Vanderberg.

Members Present:

Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Rick Baker	At-Large
Rob Beahan	Cascade Township
Jim Buck	Secretary
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
George Haga	Ada Township
Jerry Hale	Lowell Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
John Hoppough	City of Greenville
Mark Huizenga	City of Walker
Steve Kepley	City of Kentwood
Mark Lemoine	At-Large Member
Steve Maas	City of Grandville
Brenda McNabb-Stange	City of Hastings
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Jay Spencer	Plainfield Township
Roger Towsley	Village of Sand Lake
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Patrick Waterman	City of Hudsonville
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Ken Bergwerff	Jamestown Township
Brent Boncher	Courtland Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Rebecca Fleury	Village of Middleville
Steve Grimm	Cannon Township
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Carol Hennessey	Kent County
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mark Howe	City of Lowell
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Megan Mullendore	City of Belding
Audrey Nevins-Weiss	Byron Township
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Jim Saalfeld	Kent County
Michael Selden	City of Wayland
Thad Taylor	City of Cedar Springs
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Chris Brown	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	GVMC / REGIS
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Dal McBurrows	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Wendy Ogilvie	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid
John Weiss	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. West Michigan Strategic Alliance

Greg Northrup and Jim Brooks formally turned over the intellectual property of WMSA to GVMC. They reviewed the history, strengths, and progress of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance. They stressed the importance of being inclusive and giving everyone a voice; bringing in partners; continued evaluation; and earning trust through mutual respect.

4. New and Renewed Membership Discussion

John Weiss discussed the renewed membership policy recommended by the Executive Committee. There is significant cost and administrative burden to GVMC and the legislative bodies of its members when an entity joins the council, leaves, and then requests to rejoin. The recommendation is that an entity with this request would be required to pay \$2,000 for the administrative costs, back dues, and a \$1,000 penalty in order to rejoin.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution on Withdrawal and Readmission of Members. MOVE – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Hayes. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Executive Committee & Officer Recommendations

Michael Young reported the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee was to reappoint the same slate of Executive Committee and Officers as are currently serving. This would include:

- Al Vanderberg – Chair
- Mike DeVries – Vice Chair
- Jim Buck – Secretary
- Cy Moore – Treasurer
- Don Hilton
- George Heartwell
- Daryl Delabbio
- Alex Arends
- Michael Young
- Brian Donovan

MOTION – To Approve the Recommended Slate of GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Regional Prosperity Initiative Update

John Weiss updated the group on the activities of the West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance. On October 10, over 125 people met at GVSU to vote on the top 5 Regional Projects of Significance. Originally 31 proposals were submitted, which were narrowed down to 6 according to the selection criteria established at the General Session at the Governors Economic Summit. Presentations were made by all 6 contenders. By vote of all those attending, the top 5 were determined. The RPI Steering Committee met immediately after the General Session and voted unanimously to approve the priorities and 5-Year plan.

GVMC has submitted for Phase II of the Prosperity Initiative. The request is for \$250,000 (with \$195,000 carryover from 2014). These funds will be used to continue collaboration and cooperation as well as supply seed and leveraging funding for the 5 projects.

Al Vanderberg congratulated John Weiss on his leadership and work on the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

7. December 4 Meeting – Will be held at the Wyoming City Offices

8. Adjournment – 9:30 a.m.

MOTION - To Adjourn – Heartwell. SUPPORT – Poll. MOTION CARRIED

A Resolution Pertaining to the Withdrawal and Readmission of Members

Whereas, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council is a council of governments working together to promote cooperation and collaboration; and

Whereas, consistent membership and participation is critical to the success of the Council and its members, its long-term planning efforts and stability; and

Whereas, the processes and procedures of GVMC are well established and founded on continued membership, along with long-term planning and involvement; and

Whereas, millions of dollars each year are distributed through the collaboration of our members and it is not in the best interest of the Council for members to come and go based on their immediate individual or short-term project needs; and

Whereas, our policies, procedures and state governing laws require a complex and expensive process for both the addition and removal of members; and

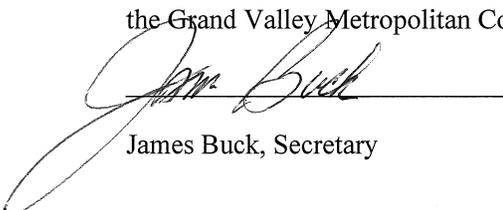
Whereas, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council seeks to have a stable membership with a long-term vision of working together to improve our area; and

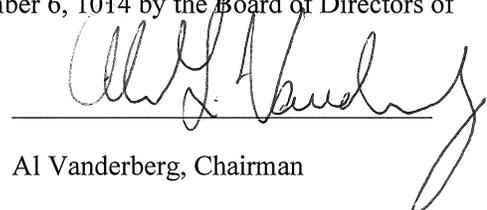
Whereas, it should not be the responsibility of other Council members to finance the cost for members that decide to leave and then rejoin Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.

Now therefore, be it resolved that, the Executive Committee of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council hereby recommends to the Board of Directors the following:

1. Membership in GVMC is clearly meant to be a continuing membership.
2. Members that decide to leave or join GVMC can do so according to the existing policy and procedures.
3. Members that withdraw from GVMC but later seek readmission will be required to pay \$2,000 for the expense of the re-admission process including legal, publication, etc.
4. Members seeking readmission will be expected to pay their dues from the time of their departure to cover the continuing cost of planning and analysis that was paid by other members during their absence.
5. Members seeking readmission will pay an additional \$1,000 penalty to cover any other expenses involved in their withdrawal and readmission.
6. The Board of Directors further reiterates its current policy that any member participating in the MPO must pay full MPO and GVMC Dues.

Be it further resolved that this resolution was adopted on November 6, 1014 by the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council.


James Buck, Secretary


Al Vanderberg, Chairman