

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

April 9, 2007

10:00 a.m.
Prince Conference Center

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mike Julien	Cascade Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
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
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Brian Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Bev Drake	City of Grand Rapids
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township

Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Ted Vonk	Kent County

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Sharon De Lange	Village of Sparta
Jim Fetzer	ITP
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of March, 2007 Minutes.

The March, 2007 GVMC Board meeting minutes were approved.

MOTION – To Approve March, 2007 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes with Corrections. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Finance

a. Status of FY 2006 Audit Report

Don Stypula reported the audit report has been received; however it will first go to the Finance committee and the Executive committee for review. It will be presented at the May GVMC Board meeting

Treasurer Cy Moore stated there were no surprises. There have been some changes in format.

b. Charter for GVMC Finance Committee

The Charter for the GVMC Finance committee was reviewed.

MOTION – To Approve the Charter for the GVMC Finance Committee. MOVE – VerHulst. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Transportation Department

a. GVMC 2007 TIP Amendment

The request for a 2007 TIP Amendment for EGR, Kent County Road Commission and MDOT projects was discussed.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC 2007 TIP Amendment for EGR, MDOT, and Kent County Road Commission Projects. MOVE – Holtrop. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

b. GVMC FY2007 TIP Amendments for Congestion Management / Air Quality
The proposed FY 2007 amendments for congestion management / air quality were discussed.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC FY 2007 TIP Amendments for Congestion Management / Air Quality. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Rescind the Previous Two Motions Regarding the GVMC 2007 TIP. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – VerHulst. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Combine and Approve Item A (the Amendment to the GVMC FY 2007 TIP for EGR, Kent County Road Commission, and MDOT) and Item B (the Amendment to the GVMC FY 2007 TIP for Congestion Management / Air Quality). MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

c. GVMC 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan

Abed Itani presented and reviewed the GVMC 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. MOVE – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Holtrop. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Resolution of Support for ITP- The Rapid Transit Corridor Project

The Rapid Study – Great Transit / Grand Tomorrow was reviewed by Jim Fetzer of ITP/The Rapid. It would include a bus rapid transit corridor running from the central station in the north to 60th Street in the south. The primary route would be Division Ave to Lyon Street to Monroe Ave.

Don Hilton voiced his disappointment in the corridor not being extended to 68th Street. The 68th Street & Division Ave. area is a growing area and certainly would benefit from a terminal.

MOTION – To Support the Resolution of Support for the ITP – The Rapid Transit Corridor Project. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Capek. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Legislative Issues

a. GVMC Policy Statement on State Budget and Taxation Issues

Rick Root reviewed the GVMC Policy Statement on State Budget and Taxation Issues; as well as the history of its creation. The Ad Hoc committee charged with creating the final statement included Rick Root, Mike DeVries, Bryan Harrison, Kurt Kimball, Daryl Delabbio, and Don Stypula.

MOTION – To Approve the GVMC Policy Statement on Budget and Taxation Issues. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Nier. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Update on State Budget Issues

Don Stypula reported the state budget is still being worked on and there have been no definitive decisions yet at this time.

7. Strategic Planning Meeting – Thursday, May 3, 2007

Jim Buck reported a strategic planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3, immediately following the GVMC Board meeting in the Kent County building facilitated by Al Vanderberg.

Al Vanderberg discussed the meeting and explained it was to review certain areas of the GVMC Strategic Plan. The Executive committee has proposed a review each year so that the Board's expectations, clearly stated and with buy-in from the Board, can be woven into the budget and goals of the Executive Director.

8. Other

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.