

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

July 10, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
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
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
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Brian Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Bev Drake	ACSET Council
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Roger Mogan	Kent County
Lon Myer	Village of Middleville
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Sandy Frost Parrish	Cascade Township

Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Bonnie Shupe	Cannon Township
Bob Rinck	Ottawa County
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Erika Rosebrook Dibble	Ottawa County
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Elias Lumpkins	City of Grand Rapids
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Roger Safford	MDOT
Kurt Steudle	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	The Rapid

2. Public Comment

Kurt Steudel, Director of MDOT, gave a presentation on MDOT and transportation's future.

3. Approval of June, 2006 Minutes.

MOTION – To Approve with Corrections the June 2006 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes. MOVE – Kurt. Support – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Report

a. Monthly Financial Summary

Don Stypula reported there were no major anomalies in this month's financial report.

Changes in the fund balance were due to pass-through NPDES billings.

Thirty thousand dollars of the PAL grant from the Kellogg Foundation will be expended this fiscal year, and the remainder will be carried over to the next fiscal year.

The Growing Communities Conference is still processing receipts and awaiting grants.

Legal reflects a one time billing for work done, but will be on target for remainder of fiscal year.

Rent is up because it is being billed a month in advance.

The finance report was received for information.

5. Transportation Department

a. Amendment to the FY 2006-2008 TIP

Don Stypula explained the amendment requested by MDOT to GVMC's FY 2006-2008 TIP which will replace initial funding estimates with actual program costs.

MOTION – To Approve the Amendment to the FY 206-2008 TIP. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED

b. MPO Unified Work Program FY 2007

Don Stypula explained the FY2007 Unified Planning Work Program. The Plan meets all previous and current requirements. The 4 Mile corridor study will be done by January and will be carried over. The plan is \$1.4 million in total this year vs. \$1.9 last year due to decreased studies.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2007 Unified Work Program. MOVE – Moore. SUPPORT – Root. MOTION CARRIED.

6. GVMC Endorsement of Community Sustainability Partnership Initiative

Don Stypula explained the proposed resolution to endorse the Community Sustainability Partnership. He believes by endorsing this, GVMC will be open to getting more money through private sector and nonprofit grants.

Kurt Kimball suggested changing the number of organizations in the fifth whereas to 80 per recent additions.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution to Endorse the Community Sustainability Partnership as Amended. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Meek. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Home and Building Association Guidelines on Residential Density

Chairman Jim Buck opened discussions on the resolution to endorse the HBA's Guidelines on Residential Density and indicated it was a delicate subject. Jim Buck asked that it be researched to determine if GVMC endorsed the Governor's Land Use Council recommendations.

Andy Bowman explained his involvement in the project and its evolution. A special HBA committee has worked several months to develop.

Don Stypula reported Denny Hoemke contacted him and indicated he could not endorse this resolution.

Kurt Kimball stated he was in favor of endorsing the document as it fits with GVMC's stated Mission Statement, as well as the Blueprint Principles and the work of the City/Township Committee.

Several members voiced hesitance or opposition to endorsing the document, citing opposition by their constituents and Planning Commissions.

Chairman Buck suggested bringing the document back to the August meeting after more careful review by the Executive Committee.

Rob VerHeulen asked if GVMC has even endorsed an HBA position.

Andy Bowman indicated he believed the Growing Better Communities document was endorsed by GVMC.

Tom Fehsenfeld suggested the Executive Committee go over it thoroughly as some of the issues are related to the public good and some are only related to the HBA.

8. Legislative Update

Don Stypula reported there will be a Legislative Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, at the GVMC offices. He will be bringing two resolutions in opposition of the K-16 and Save Our State ballot proposals.

The telecom issue is moving very slowly at the state and federal level. Don does not anticipate movement at the state level until December.

He also reported revenue sharing would not be going up.

9. Other

Andy Bowman and his staff were thanked for their efforts on the very successful 2006 Growing Communities Conference.

10. Adjournment – 11:00 a.m.

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.