

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

July 12, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Prince Center

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present:

Jerry Alkema	Allendale Township
Alex Arends	Alpine Township
Chris Burns	City of Cedar Springs
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Randy DeBruine	City of Belding
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Cindy Fox	Cascade Township
John Helmholdt	At-Large
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Jim LaPeer	Cannon Township
Robert May	City of Hastings
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Pasquale	City of Lowell
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming

Members Absent:

Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Tom Butcher	Grand Valley State University
Dan Carlton	Georgetown Township
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon DeLange	Village of Sparta
Dick Bulkowski	Kent County
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
George Heartwell	City of Grand Rapids

Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Denny Hoemke	Algoma Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Sandi Frost Parrish	Kent County
Jack Poll	City of Wyoming
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Milt Rohwer	City of Grand Rapids
Toby VanEss	Tallmadge Township
Phil Van Noord	Village of Middleville
Chris Yonker	City of Wayland
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
David Czurak	Grand Rapids Business Journal
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP / The Rapid

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the Minutes of the June GVMC Board Meeting. MOVE – Meek. SUPPORT – Eppler. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Report from Nominating Committee

Al Vanderberg gave the report from the Nominating committee. The Nominating committee had been tasked with replacing Jim Miedema, of Jamestown Township, on the Executive committee. The recommendation of the committee is to appoint Michael Young from the City of Rockford.

MOTION – To Appoint to the Nominating Committee Michael Young of the City of Rockford. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GVMC Membership Survey

Don Stypula reported on the membership survey. There were 37 responses with 29 surveys completed entirely. It looked at current services and functions to determine what the GVMC membership felt needed to be focused on in the future.

Most common opinions included:

- Making things relevant
- Increasing value to members
- Do quickly
- Report on a regular basis
- Make sure we have the resources to accomplish the objectives.

Don reviewed the core functions currently performed by the Metro Council:

- Transportation Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Regis

The information from this survey is being analyzed by a subcommittee of the Executive Committee which will come up with an action plan.

John Helmholdt reported that how this is being communicated is important. More than just a newsletter is needed. Information about GVMC needs to be presented on an ongoing basis to members, speakers' bureaus, local media, etc. We need to draw attention to the value added benefit and educate the public on savings, etc.

6. Grant Opportunity

Don Stypula reported on a grant opportunity from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. We are weighing it heavily. It would combine work in land use planning, environment, and transportation for sustainable planning. There is a local match required from communities who wish to participate. The local match could come from the philanthropic community, federal funding or others. It is multi agency grant. GVMC will be meeting with a group of local planners to see if they have interest in pursuing.

The Strategic Alliance asked if we would be interested in partnering, but we do not feel it is scaled correctly.

7. Legislative

Don Stypula reviewed the legislative candidate survey / spreadsheet. The survey was sent to 73 candidates and 30 responded. The spreadsheet will be posted on the web site. Following

today's Board meeting will be the Legislative Luncheon. We have over 60 people expected to attend.

8. Adjourn – 11:45 a.m.

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