

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 21, 2010
12:00 pm

Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI

MEETING NOTES

Present

Jim Buck
Daryl Delabbio
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cindy Fox
Alan Vanderberg

City of Grandville
Kent County
Gaines Township
Cascade Township
Ottawa County

Absent

George Heartwell
Jim Miedema
Cy Moore
Rick Root
Rob VerHeulen

City of Grand Rapids
Jamestown Township
Council Treasurer
City of Kentwood
City of Walker

Other

Andy Bowman
Leon Branderhorst
Abed Itani
Gayle McCrath
Don Stypula

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Chair Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of December, 2009. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT - Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Transportation – Amendments to FY 2008-2011 TIP and FY2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Abed Itani explained the request for the amendment to the FY 2008-2011 TIP which is for ITP-The Rapid to reflect changes in activity line items (FY2010). The current plan reflects \$362,780 and should reflect the \$1,406,250 that was requested in the UPWP June 2009.

Abed Itani explained the request for amendment to the FY 2008-2011 TIP (FY 2010) for CMAQ local projects; CMAQ MDOT; and ITS set-aside (illustrative).

Abed Itani explained the request for amendment to the FY 2008-2011 UPWP to reflect three section 5307 projects for ITP: ADA Planning Compliance; Human Resource Planning; & Long Range Planning.

MOTION – To Amend FY2010 of the FY 2008-2011 TIP for the Requested ITP Activity Line Items and CMAQ Projects. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION – To Amend the Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2008-2011 to Reflect Three Section 5307 Projects as Described Above. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Proposal by Grand Valley State University to Join the Metro Council as an Ex-Officio Member Organization

Don Stypula reviewed letters from Tom Haas of Grand Valley State University and Mika Meyers regarding GVSU's request to join the Metro Council as a non-voting member. Don asked for approval to move the issue to the full Council to discuss.

Discussion ensued regarding public vs. private; the 10,000 student threshold; and whether they should be in an advisory committee vs. At-large.

Concern again was voiced regarding other organizations and entities which may want to become members such as Spectrum Health and it could grow uncontrolled.

Discussion was held on the current At-large members, their level of participation and term limits. If GVSU became an At-large member, the Bylaws wouldn't have to be amended. Gayle will check on the attendance of the current At-large members.

Al Vanderberg asked if the Board would support the Nominating committee doing a gut check and asking all the At-large members to reply. He stated the iron is hot and we need to give them a definitive answer. He would support bringing it to the full Board for input, but not including the changes to the Bylaw language.

Don Stypula stated he would include the letter from Haas and the options discussed in the next Board agenda packet.

Jim Buck said we should take a look at the At-large members and address their effectiveness and attendance.

The consensus was to put the issue on the next Board.

5. GVMC Endorsement of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS)

Don Stypula reviewed the request for endorsement of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. The resolution would be to endorse the concept of this and encourage members to do the same.

Don Hilton asked if MABAS would have local or national implications.

Don Stypula stated he would check on it.

Don Hilton added if you are part of it, you are not required to participate and send people with each request. It is a good thing and a small step.

MOTION – To Table and Redraft the Resolution. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Legislative

Don Stypula reviewed the resolution of support for the findings and recommendations of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. He stated this resolution is desirable and necessary. GVMC would use it to communicate effectively to the legislature.

MOTION – To Approve the Resolution in Support of the Recommendations of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Next Meeting – February 18, 2010

8. Adjournment – 1:30

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