

**Grand Valley Metro Council  
Executive Committee Meeting**

August 18, 2016

11:00 a.m.

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

**Minutes**

**Present**

Alex Arends  
Daryl Delabbio  
Mike DeVries  
Brian Donovan  
Don Hilton, Sr.  
Cy Moore  
Jack Poll  
Alan Vanderberg  
John Weiss

Alpine Township  
Kent County  
Grand Rapids Township  
City of East Grand Rapids  
Gaines Township  
Treasurer  
City of Wyoming  
Ottawa County  
Grand Valley Metro Council

**Absent**

Rosalynn Bliss  
Jim Buck

City of Grand Rapids  
Secretary

**Other**

Abed Itani  
Gayle McCrath  
Jason Moore  
Wendy Ogilvie  
Chris Brown

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION – To Approve the June 2016 Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Donovan. SUPPORT – DeVries. MOTION CARRIED.**

### **3. Centralized Assessing**

Daryl Delabbio explained there is a group coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce that is promoting consolidation of services such as centralized assessing. Might this be better handled through a coalition of the willing through GVMC? Perhaps this is a topic that should be discussed in strategic planning.

### **4. Dispatch Surcharge Presentation to Board**

Local governments are prohibited from using public funds for advocacy, but can use them for education. An informational presentation could be given at the GVMC Board meeting, however it would be problematic to ask for a vote of endorsement if all member communities haven't already approved.

### **5. Kent County Deliberative Poll**

Several members have been contacted by the group out of Calvin College which wants to try a new process in public education and engagement. Citizens will spend a weekend at a hotel receiving intensive training in a subject. Opinion polling will take place before and after the session to see if the education element changed outcome. Issues have been suggested that would be relevant county-wide, however the group has chosen transportation / transit, which varies widely throughout the urban and rural context of Kent County.

Al will contact the group and let them know that while he endorses the process, there is a lot of grey area and GVMC would not endorse the actual exercise.

Abed will contact the group to see if there is anything he can do for them.

### **6. Other**

It was reported the WMLGMA group is in need of an ongoing fiduciary to handle the finances of their organization. Given GVMC's cooperation / collaboration efforts, might it be appropriate for GVMC to take on this for a fee?

### **7. Strategic Planning**

Al Vanderberg and Keith Van Beek conducted a Strategic Planning exercise. The results will be reported on and discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

### **8. Adjourn – 1:00 p.m.**