

Grand Valley Metro Council Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2008
12:00 PM

Grand Valley Metro Council
40 Pearl Street N.W., Suite 410
Grand Rapids, MI

MINUTES

Present

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Don Hilton Sr.	Gaines Township
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker

Absent

Cy Moore	Council Treasurer
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Alan Vanderberg	Ottawa County

Other

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

**Motion – To Approve the January, 2008, GVMC Executive Committee Minutes.
MOVE – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Beelen. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Transportation Amendments
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: AMENDMENTS TO THE GVMC FY 2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

The Michigan Department of Transportation is seeking a series of amendments and administrative modifications to the GVMC FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for a number of MDOT-related projects throughout the Metro area.

Projects include:

- **I-196 @ College Avenue**, Bridge replacement and interchange improvements, \$4,860,000 Federal, \$540,000 non federal with a total project cost of \$5,400,000. This project will move from the FY2019 – 2025 years of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to the FY2008 – 2011 years of the TIP. This project includes replacing the existing bridge, providing additional turning lanes, and related approach and ramp modifications. No additional through lanes will be provided, consistent with College Avenue north and south of the bridge.
- **General Program Account (add GPA to FY 09)**, Capital Preventative Maintenance - Trunkline/Road, \$1,600,000 Federal, \$400,000 non federal with a total project cost of \$2,000,000.

The following are requested **Administrative Modifications**:

- **US-131**, M-11 north to Wealthy Street, Concrete pavement restoration, \$4,000,000 Federal, \$1,000,000 non federal with a total project cost of \$5,000,000. Move from FY2009 to FY2008.
- **US-131**, M-11 north to Wealthy Street, Freeway lighting replacement, \$2,284,000 Federal, \$506,000 non federal with a total project cost of \$2,790,000. Move from FY2009 to FY2008.

MOTION – To Approve the TIP Amendments for FY 2008-20011 and move them to the April GVMC Board Meeting Agenda. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Racial Justice Institute

Don Stypula reviewed GVMC's involvement in the Government Action Group of the Racial Justice Institute, and proposed bringing the group under the umbrella of GVMC. He reported he hasn't brought this formally with the Government Action Group.

Daryl Delabbio stated he doesn't understand this request as the group is under the umbrella of the Racial Justice Institute and he thought changes discussed only included that Don Stypula would be one of two co-chairpersons for the group.

Don Stypula stated it will continue to be part of the RJI, but he wants to take of administrative duties (agendas, etc.) through the GVMC office.

Kurt Kimball reported he was not clear on what was developing with RJI. Initially the Partnership for a Racism Free Community included several subgroups. He is not sure if that fits with the new model of the organization. It may be more into accreditation. The City of Grand Rapids took a step back because of Proposal 2. If there is not a place for this in the new model of the RJI, it may need a new home.

Daryl Delabbio indicated he does not have a problem under which organization it falls, it just cannot belong to two simultaneously.

Kurt Kimball stated someone should call RJI and find out if the Government Action Group will be a part of the new organizational model.

Don Stypula indicated he would talk with Rev. Balk at the next meeting and seek his opinion.

Rob VerHeulen questioned what "umbrella" means? Would GVMC be charged with appointing members, etc? He is not sure we should use the word umbrella.

Kurt Kimball stated it could be framed that meetings are being held here just because Don is co-chairperson.

5. Growing Communities Conference

Andy Bowman updated the group on the progress in planning the June 12, Growing Communities Conference. To date, only one application has been made for the Blueprint Award. Entries for pervious years may be reviewed. Don Stypula will be handling the sponsorship requests.

6. Quarterly Luncheon

April 14th at the Prince Center, preceded by the GVMC April Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Fulton Sheen will make a presentation at the Board Meeting.

7. Legislative Update

Don Stypula stated the legislature is working on the budget. Also the annexation package is working its way through the system.

8. October Executive Committee Meeting

Don Stypula requested the October Executive Committee meeting be moved to October 23rd.

9. Adjourn – 1:10 p.m.

**MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE - VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Kimball.
MOTION CARRIED.**