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GVMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Noon, April 18, 2013

GVMC Offices

- 1) Approval of February 2013 Minutes – Minutes Attached**

- 2) Street Summit Report**

- 3) REGIS MOU Resolution - Attached**

- 4) At Large Vacancy, Michael Young & Al Vanderberg – Attachments**

- 5) Directors' Reports**
 - (a) Gayle McCrath**
 - (b) Abed Itani**
 - (c) Dharmesh Jain**
 - (d) Chris Brown**

- 6) Open Discussion with Executive Director**

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

February 28, 2013

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Jim Buck
Matthew Butts
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Brian Donovan
Curtis Holt
Bob Homan
Rich Houtteman
Cindy Janes
Alan Vanderberg

City of Grandville
City of Grandville
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
City of Wyoming
Plainfield Township
City of Kentwood
Cascade Township
Ottawa County

Absent

George Heartwell
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cy Moore
Michael Young

City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
Council Treasurer
City of Rockford

Other

Chris Brown
Abed Itani
Dharmesh Jain
Gayle McCrath
John Weiss

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1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Buck called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the January Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Finance Report

Chris Brown reviewed the financial report which was included in the agenda packet. Everything is looking good for all four funds. The LGROW fund is higher than usual as NPDES funds are now being run through this account. This will deplete over the year as payments are made to Fishbeck.

MOTION – To Approve the Finance Report and Forward it to the GVMC Board. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Delabbio. MOTION CARRIED.

4. March Board Meeting & Quarterly Luncheon

The next GVMC Board Meeting will be Monday, March 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Prince Center. The Quarterly Luncheon will follow at noon with Congressman Bill Huizenga as the featured speaker. Huizenga will also attend the GVMC Board Meeting.

5. Other

The Truscott – Rossman Strategic and Crisis Communication seminar will be offered March 14 at 10:00 a.m., at the East Grand Rapids Community Center. Sixty-five people are expected to attend from a broad range of backgrounds.

The Street Summit is scheduled for April 8 with Rob VerHeulen co-hosting. It will start at 9 a.m. at the Kent County Road Commission. A subcommittee is responsible for the route. Abed Itani reviewed the proposed route and will provide a map to anyone requesting one. Each segment of the course will have its own speaker narrating. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce is setting up business owners to comment on how bad roads affect their ability to receive & deliver goods, as well as service customers. The event will not advocate any particular method of raising transportation funding, but rather just fix the roads.

March 17-19 John will be attending the Governor's Economic Summit, and in April will travel to Washington D.C. with the Chamber of Commerce.

6. March Executive Committee Meeting & April Board Meeting

John explained there are scheduling difficulties for the April GVMC Board meeting including spring break, the Street Summit, and the unavailability of the County Chambers on April 11th. Discussion ensued regarding whether or not there was business to be taken care of which would require an April meeting and the preceding Executive committee meeting in March.

MOTION – To Move to the GVMC Board the Recommendation to Cancel the March Executive Committee and April Board Meetings. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

7. REGIS Discussion

Jim Buck opened the discussion. He stated there has been a lot of talk about the REGIS Memo of Understanding (MOU). We are very, very pleased with what has been going on at GVMC and would like to extend our congratulations to John for making that happen. The GVMC Executive Committee has extended an invitation to the REGIS Executive Committee to discuss the MOU. What may have been pertinent at one time is not so now.

Brian Donovan stated there has been good movement in REGIS financially and operationally. GVMC is also heading in a good direction. Things have changed for both organizations. Can we work together as one organization?

Curtis Holt reported he doesn't have a lot to add to what Brian said. He has had many conversations with John. The past concerns are no longer valid. GVMC has made great gains under John's leadership. It is important for him to be able to operate and synchronize communications and cooperation between all groups. The MOU may be in the way at this point. Curtis has studied the MOU in-depth and the only change it appears to make in the GVMC / REGIS relationship is that the REGIS Director reports to the REGIS Board and they set his compensation. He asked the group, "Is there truly relevance in the MOU? Does it make a difference? Is it needed?" He said, "I don't think so".

Rich Houtteman stated he agreed with the previous comments. Instead of there being a distancing of the two entities, they should come together and try to be better partners.

Al Vanderberg said he supported removing the MOU. The document has a unique history. It was basically a work around for a leadership problem we were having. It is time to let the MOU go and let the organization function the way it was intended.

Matt Butts reported he has been thinking about the issue for a long while and believes it is time to rethink the MOU. By getting rid of it the organization would become more efficient.

Bob Homan stated he believed the MOU was created at a time when the offices were moving and there was conflict over allocation of space. When REGIS was created, it made sense for

it to be under GVMC, and it still does. What would abolishing the agreement accomplish? Shouldn't that decision be a mutual one? It would be a good idea to bring the issue back to the REGIS Board.

Cindy Janes said she agreed the MOU is ineffective and is no longer needed.

Daryl Delabbio stated he agreed.

Mike DeVries said he hoped there would be more inclusion with the REGIS Board, but that it should still fall under the same management. We need to make sure there is no lack of information flowing from GVMC to REGIS.

Curtis Holt stated he agreed the issue should be discussed with the REGIS Board and that it should be a mutual decision. The MOU was created as a work around. However, we no longer need that. John needs the freedom to manage the entire organization.

Brian Donovan suggested Bob Homan bring the issue to the REGIS Board, have them move on it and then get back with GVMC.

Mike DeVries added that Both REGIS and GVMC would be strengthened by John's leadership, communication skills and salesmanship.

John Weiss said he wanted to assure Bob the Executive Committee never intended elimination of the MOU as a unilateral action. The Executive Committee has been talking a long time about getting together and taking up the issue.

Bob Homan asked if the REGIS Board moved to eliminate the MOU, would it be complying with the wishes of the GVMC Executive Committee.

He was told yes, it would.

8. Adjourn 1:25 p.m.

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



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Resolution

A Resolution to Rescind the GVMC/ REGIS Memo of Understanding

Whereas, after study and preliminary work, GVMC passed the REGIS Resolution on September 4, 1997 which allowed for the creation of the REGIS Agency. In 1998, GVMC secured \$2.8 million in MDOT funding for the creation of REGIS. Under GVMC's leadership umbrella, REGIS operated for eleven years.

Whereas, due to leadership issues and those associated with the office move, in July 2009 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by GVMC and REGIS.

Whereas, throughout 2012 and early 2013 much discussion ensued between REGIS Board members, the GVMC Executive Director and the GVMC Executive Committee regarding continued relevancy of the MOU. Also discussed was the potential dissolution of the MOU as the issues which prompted it were no longer relevant.

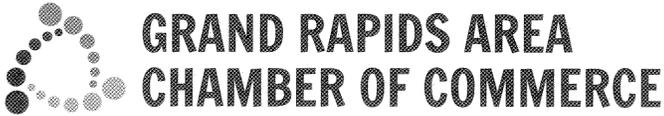
Whereas, in February of 2013 the Executive Committees of GVMC and REGIS held a joint meeting to discuss elimination of the MOU and it was decided that the REGIS Executive Committee would bring the issue to their Board with the recommendation to eliminate the MOU.

Whereas, the REGIS Board met on March 27, 2013 and, at the recommendation of their Executive Committee, voted to dissolve the MOU and recommend to the GVMC Executive Committee and Board to revert back to the policies and organization that existed from 1998-2009.

Where, on April 18, 2013, the GVMC Executive Committee concurred with the REGIS Executive Committee and REGIS Board to eliminate the MOU and recommend to the GVMC Board of Directors to do the same.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, the Board of Directors of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council concurs with the GVMC Executive Committee as well as the REGIS Executive Committee and REGIS Board of Directors and hereby eliminates and rescinds the 2009 GVMC/REGIS Memo of Understanding.

This action was taken at the GVMC Board of Directors Meeting on May 2, 2013.



March 22, 2013

Mr. John Weiss, Executive Director
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
678 Front Avenue, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Dear John,

With the full support and encouragement of the Board of Directors of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to express my interest in the vacant position on the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board of Directors. We believe we are in a unique time in our region's history when a strong, collaborative working relationship between the Grand Rapids Area Chamber and Grand Valley Metro Council is essential to the continued growth and success of our regional economy.

The Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,700 businesses in the metropolitan area, is the largest business organization in West Michigan. Our mission is to *Champion economic prosperity in West Michigan*. Our strategic focus includes being a champion for an inclusive and magnetic community, advocating on behalf of business and accelerating business growth. We believe there are opportunities for our region that will result from the synergy from a collaborative relationship between our two organizations.

Professionally, I have been working in the chamber of commerce profession for 25 years in Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois before assuming the leadership role with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber in April of 2011. Throughout my career I've worked closely with every level of government as well as the MPO to advance issues and projects that were critical to that region's growth. We have begun to build a symbiotic relationship with GVMC and I believe my service on the GVMC Board of Directors will only further advance the partnership.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to talking with you further about the potential of serving the region through Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board service. My direct phone number is 616-771-0322 or I can be reached via email at bakerr@grandrapids.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Baker", written over a white background.

Rick Baker

Cc: Mayor George Heartwell

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March 18, 2013

Mr. John Weiss
Executive Director
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RE: GVMC Board of Directors, at large member

Dear John

This letter is intended to notify GVMC of my interest in serving on its Board of Directors, as an at large member, per your Weekly Update newsletter dated March 15, 2013.

I am a resident of the City of Grand Rapids. I live in Heritage Hill and work downtown.

While I am a licensed architect, my primary work over the course of the last decade has been in planning and urban design. I have worked on projects in Grand Rapids, Wyoming, Kentwood, Hudsonville, Grandville, Coopersville and numerous townships - for both private and public sector clients. These projects have included form-based codes and master plans – some of which were in collaboration with the GVMC. These collaborative efforts include the Fishers Station Master Plan and Form-Based Code and the Form-Based Code Study.

My interest in placemaking and how it is impacted by transportation, design, policy, planning, and people has led me to many different endeavors in both my personal and professional life. I have served on the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission and was president of the AIA Grand Valley. I am currently serving on the Kent County Land Bank Advisory Council and was recently included on the Project for Public Spaces Placemaking Advisory Council. My professional work has also exemplified my commitment to making our region better. I have completed two amendments to the Grand Rapids Master Plan, drafted a corridor master plan for 28th Street in Wyoming (and am currently writing a zoning ordinance for that project), and have also done design work for Celadon – which was the first greenfield mixed-use town center built in our region.

My interest in serving on the GVMC board is both professional and personal and related directly to making our region the best that it can be.

Please do not hesitate to call me with further questions. I have attached a CV and resume for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller AIA
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Mark F. Miller, AIA

Expertise	Mark Miller has been involved in placemaking projects ranging in scale from single buildings and blocks to master planning of neighborhoods and cities. Mr. Miller specializes in urban design, historic preservation, form-based codes, and charrettes, with an emphasis on the creation of high quality urbanism.
Selected Project Experience	Brikyaat Area Specific Plan – Grand Rapids, MI Belknap Area Specific Plan – Grand Rapids, MI Turn On 28 th Street Master Plan – Wyoming, MI Fairmount Square Infill Plan – Grand Rapids, MI New Town of Celadon – Grand Rapids, MI
Education	Masters of Architecture 1993, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI Bachelor of Science 1991, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Licenses & Certifications	Registered Architect, State of Michigan - #1301042967 National Charrette Institute, Certified Charrette Planner Form Based Code Institute Training
Employment History	Urban Designer and Architect, September 2002 – Present Nederveld Inc., Grand Rapids, MI Project Architect, May 1998 – September 2002 MHB Paradigm Design, Grand Rapids, MI Project Architect, September 1997 – May 1998, Design Pinnacle, Inc, Grand Rapids, MI Senior Staff Architect, January 1994 – August 1997 M.C. Smith Associates, Grand Rapids, MI Architectural Intern, January 1993 – January 1994 Hobbs + Black Associates, Ann Arbor, MI
Professional Affiliations	American Institute of Architects AIA Grand Valley Chapter President 2008 Congress for the New Urbanism
Professional Presentations	Michigan Association of Planners State Conference Speaker - 2008 Ottawa County Excellence Through Training Program Speaker - 2008 Greening the Heartland Conference Speaker – 2009 Gimme Shelter (Grand Rapids) Program Speaker - 2011 Guest Lecturer and Architectural Studio Critic at Andrews University
Awards	AIA Grand Valley Young Architect Award – 2009 AIA Grand Valley Urban and Regional Design Honor Award – 2007, 2008, 2011 Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Award – 2007 Michigan Association of Planning Outstanding Project Award - 2008 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions: Excellence Award for Best Practices of Public Outreach and Advocacy (GR HPC) - 2010
Community Activity	GR Historic Preservation Commission May 2002 – December 2010 Chairman November 2007 – December 2010 Grand Rapids Heartside Neighborhood Design Committee, 2003-2005 Contributing Editor and columnist for Grand Rapids Magazine, 2008 - Present Kent County Land Bank Advisory Council January 2012 - Present

Biography of Mark F. Miller, AIA



CREDENTIALS

- Masters of Architecture - University of Michigan in 1993
- Bachelor of Science - University of Michigan in 1991
- Michigan licensed architect (license number 1301042967)
- NCARB certification in 1999
- National Charrette Institute Certified Charrette Planner in 2005
- Form-based Code Institute Training in 2009
- Member of American Institute of Architects
- Member of Congress for the New Urbanism

EMPLOYMENT

January 1993 to January 1994 **Hobbs + Black Associates** – Ann Arbor, Michigan

- As an architectural intern, Mark assisted in the production of construction documents for a variety of national projects including Woodfield Mall in Chicago and The Cherry Creek Shopping Center in Denver.
- Mark also worked on the Charles Moore designed Robert H. Lurie Engineering Center and carillon tower on the North Campus of the University of Michigan.

January 1994 to August 1997 **M.C. Smith Associates** – Grand Rapids, Michigan

- After moving to Grand Rapids, Mark started working at M.C. Smith Associates and due to the size of the firm, was able to engage in many aspects of the profession from schematic design to construction administration. He was also able to work directly with clients on the design and implementation of their projects.
- Co-designed and produced the construction documents for a series of comfort stations and a pool house at Camp Dearborn in Milford, Michigan.
- Designed and acted as project manager for the Pigeon Creek Park Ski Lodge in Ottawa County.
- Designed and acted as project manager for the buildings at Canal Street Park in Grand Rapids. The design of these buildings was based on the surrounding context of historic industrial buildings and these buildings eventually became a prototype for other park buildings that the firm designed throughout Michigan.
- Designed a minor league baseball stadium for the Rockford Cubbies in Rockford, Illinois.
- Mark was the project manager and designer for a series of stadiums throughout the nation for the Women's Professional Softball League. These stadiums were in California, Arizona, Washington, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan and while the league eventually scaled back its plans, many of the concepts were utilized at existing facilities.

August 1997 to March 1998 **Design Pinnacle, Inc.** – Grand Rapids, Michigan

- While only working at Design Pinnacle for a short time, Mark was able to oversee the renovation of Erich Mendelsohn's Temple Emanuel, including the creation of an addition that was based on Mendelsohn's original concept drawings for future expansion.
- Mark also assisted with the addition and renovation to Mel Trotter Ministries on Division Avenue.

March 1998 to September 2002

MHB Paradigm Design – Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Project architect for numerous movie theaters in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Washington.
- Project Architect for new fire station in Grandville and a remodel and expansion of the existing fire station into a police and court facility. The two year project consisted of closely collaborating with the municipal officials and two different contractors in order to implement the project successfully. Mark did all project management for both of these projects including all construction administration.
- Mark was the project architect and co-designer for various buildings in Millennium Park, including comfort stations, a beach house and multiple picnic shelters.
- Participated in the Ada-Davis Property Charrette, which began Mark's interest in new urbanism and town planning.
- Created an illustrative master plan for a proposed downtown in Allendale Township. This represented Mark's (and Paradigm's) first attempt at planning. While the plan was never implemented, it furthered Mark's interest in the field of planning and also led the township to consult him numerous times during the process of creating a master plan for the downtown.

September 2002 to present

Nederveld, Inc. – Grand Rapids, Michigan

- Mark joined Nederveld just as the firm was beginning to provide planning services and quickly became their senior planner and architect. As one of only two architects at the firm, Mark further expanded and refined his expertise in the realm of planning and urban design. He and Nederveld were at the forefront of bringing informed discussions regarding sprawl and the importance of town planning to West Michigan.
- During the first few years of employment Mark was also responsible for marketing the firm's embryonic planning services and is still involved intimately in working with the marketing department in most facets of the company's marketing, particularly the graphic representation of services.
- Mark created an illustrative master plan for 300 undeveloped acres for the City of Coopersville. The plan utilized the tenants of Smart Growth and The New Urbanism and was adopted by the city planning commission.
- Project manager and designer for the Cottages at Lites Woods, a new neighborhood in Pentwater which was an extension of the city fabric and was within a ten-minute walk of downtown and the waterfront. Mark was responsible for all town planning and architecture for the project which included various homes and a community building along with an innovative cottage courtyard and neighborhood green.
- Teamed with Lott3Metz Architecture to design a neighborhood master plan for the Midtown Neighborhood Association's Brikyaat neighborhood. This master plan utilized an intensive public input process and sound urban design to create an illustrative master plan, expanded farmers' market, several watercolor images and a development plan. The plan was eventually adopted into the City of Grand Rapids' master plan, as an area specific plan. This was the first such area specific plan to be added since the adoption of the city master plan. *The project won the 2007 AIAGV Regional and Urban Design Honor Award and the 2007 Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Award for Excellence in Community Capacity Building, Collaborative Planning and Neighborhood Revitalization.*
- Mark worked with four developers in the planning of the Fairmount Square infill plan, which designed a new neighborhood on a greyfield site in the Fairmount Square Historic District. This mixed-use project included retail, residential and offices along with a generous neighborhood green.

- Worked with a private developer to redesign the existing Hart-Cooley industrial site in Holland. Site design included maintaining some of the existing buildings while creating a new block structure, parks, the insertion of new buildings and a minor league baseball field. Upon Mark's suggestion, the developers hired four separate architects to participate in the design process in order to create an organic feel to the project. Mark and Nederveld have consistently pushed for the inclusion of multiple architects on the projects that they design in order to facilitate the creation of more realistic urban places.

- In addition to the previously referenced two urban infill projects, Mark has also designed a series of additional urban infill projects for private developers which contextually fit into the existing fabric. These plans also included the design of the architecture. These infill projects include:
 - Lake View in Muskegon (the former mall site)
 - Summit Street Neighborhood in Muskegon
 - West Town Garden in the City of Grand Rapids
 - City View Townhomes in Douglas

- Mark co-designed a series of greenfield new towns for private developers which incorporated principles of new urbanism. These include the following:
 - New Town of West Olive in Ottawa County for TriStone Properties
 - Celadon New Town in Grand Rapids Township for Mosaic Properties
 - Orchard Hollow in Spring Lake Township for David Bos
 - New Town of Laurent in South Dakota
 - Canon Town Center in Cannon Township
 - Wildflower Creek in Allendale Township
 - Kensington Place in the City of Holland
 - Knollwood in Park Township

- Mark created a new downtown illustrative master plan for the City of Hudsonville and Ottawa County Planning and Grants, which employed intensive public input and visioning sessions to inform the design. The plan employs many Smart Growth and New Urban principles to create a pedestrian-oriented downtown. The master plan has been adopted by the City of Hudsonville. *The project won the 2008 AIAGV Regional and Urban Design Honor Award and the 2008 Michigan Association of Planning Outstanding Planning Project Award, Honorable Mention.*

- Collaborated with the City of Hudsonville and Ottawa County Planning and Grants to create an architectural guide for the new downtown master plan. The Architectural Design Elements Portfolio (ADEP) is an ordinance which utilizes diagrams and illustrations to convey the requirements for all new buildings in downtown Hudsonville. These requirements range from form and massing to storefront requirements and materials. The ADEP was adopted as part of the city's zoning ordinance.

- Teamed with Lott3Metz Architecture to design a neighborhood master plan for the Belknap Neighborhood Association. This master plan utilized an intensive public input process and sound urban design to create an illustrative master plan which was adopted into the City of Grand Rapids' master plan, as an area specific plan.

- Teamed with Lott3Metz Architecture to plan and design the new Fulton Street Farmers Market, which was initially envisioned as part of the Brikyaat Area Specific Plan.

- Teamed with PUMA to provide local support and expertise during the completion of the Grand Rapids DDA Framework Plan.

- Led a five firm team to create a corridor revitalization plan for 28th Street in Wyoming, Michigan. This plan, a suburban-retrofit inspired project, included a market study to help guide redevelopment opportunities. The plan was adopted by the City in 2011. Mark is now working on the form-based code, in collaboration with Williams and Works, for this portion of the City of Wyoming.

- Mark is also currently working on an innovative highly graphic form-based zoning ordinance for the City of Hudsonville. This code will regulate the built environment through form rather than through the conventional Euclidean use based zoning. The ordinance will completely replace the existing Hudsonville Zoning and will be adopted in 2009.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Kent County Land Bank Advisory Committee

- Mark was appointed to this advisory committee in January 2012.
- Committee provides technical support to the executive director and Land Bank Board.

City of Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission

- Mark was appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) by the Grand Rapids City Commission in 2002.
- Mark was elected chairman of the HPC in 2007, a position he held until 2010.
- The HPC regulates any exterior changes to the existing historic resources and any new infill within the five historic districts in the City of Grand Rapids. This commission applies the Secretary of Interior Standards and local guidelines in order maintain the historic resources of the historic districts.
- Assisted with the rewriting of the local historic guidelines in 2005.
- Met with the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions in order to convince them to bring their national convention to Grand Rapids in 2010.

American Institute of Architects Grand Valley Chapter

- Mark was elected Vice-President / President-elect in 2007-2008.
- Served as President of the AIAGV in 2008. Attended Grassroots in Washington, DC and the AIA National Convention in Boston in order to represent the AIA Grand Valley.
- Mark worked with Bob Daverman and the West Michigan Strategic Alliance in the organization of the West Michigan Regional and Urban Design Charrettes for 2007.
- Participated in Neighborhood Ventures Design First Clinic where local architects are paired with low income building owners to design storefronts during an informal work session.

Election Committee for Congress for New Urbanism Michigan Chapter

- Appointed as a member of the three person election committee for the Congress for New Urbanism (CNU) Michigan Chapter.
- As a member of this committee, Mark was responsible for working with the CNU national to establish election procedures, set up election rules, vet candidates and organize the statewide election for inaugural board members for CNU Michigan in 2008.
- Mark continues to assist the new CNU Michigan board with event coordination, acting as a liaison between AIA and CNU and providing advice on the principles of new urbanism.

USGBC Grand Rapids Member Circle Committee – LEED-ND Pilot Projects

- Mark was a member of this committee which was established by the local chapter of the USGBC to review LEED-ND Pilot projects, review LEED-ND standards, submit comments and proposed revisions to the national organization and provide outreach to the public.
- Spoke to committee, in conjunction with Suzanne Schultz, about the importance of urban patterns in the city and how these relate to sustainability.

Grand Rapids Heartside Design Committee

- Mark was a member of this committee between 2003 and 2005 and collaborated with MDOT and the Grand Rapids Traffic Safety Department on street improvements for the Division Avenue Corridor during the designation of Division Avenue as the Avenue of the Arts.

City of Grand Rapids Zoning Re-write Committee

- This committee was originally established to act as a steering committee for the City of Grand Rapids Zoning Ordinance re-write. As part of this committee, Mark participated in work sessions to facilitate creating a new zoning ordinance that was compatible with the city's new master plan.

Canned Rapids / Construction Steering Committee

- Member of the steering committee that organized the first Canned Rapids / Construction event for Grand Rapids in 2009.
- Tasks performed for this committee include overseeing entries and establishing competition rules.

PUBLICATIONS AND EXHIBITS

Grand Rapids Magazine: In 2008 Mark began to write the monthly Frameworks column which typically discusses architecture and design in the West Michigan area. Mark is using this column to highlight and promote good architectural and urban design by writing about quality examples of it in the region.

Beyond Sprawl – New Development in Grand Rapids: In the fall of 2008 Calvin College created an exhibit highlighting new development in the Grand Rapids area that was consistent with creating urbanism as a viable alternative to the sprawl patterns of the last fifty years. This exhibit included the Brikyaat Master Plan as one of the projects exhibited.

Grand Valley Metro Council Form Based Code Study: Mark was an editor of this document which was prepared by Farr and Associates in Chicago. Working with the GVMC and Farr Associates, he reviewed, commented and checked for accuracy all of the information in this document, prior to its publication.

Interiors Magazine: As a graduate student at the University of Michigan, Mark was one of twelve students to participate in the design and construction of an exhibition space for a conference at the university entitled *Shelter, Woman and Development: First and Third World Perspectives*. The students designed and built the entire exhibition space as part of a special seminar course. The design was published in the January 1993 issue of Interiors Magazine and was awarded a special recognition award from the magazine.

Architecture of Objects 1992: As a graduate student at the University of Michigan, Mark's furniture designs were exhibited at Rackham Auditorium as part of the *Architecture of Objects Exhibit* in conjunction with the College of Architecture. In addition to exhibiting his work here, he also co-designed the poster advertising the event – including actual screen printing and production of the poster.

AWARDS

The 2007 AIA Grand Valley Regional and Urban Design Award for the Brikyaat Master Plan.

The 2007 Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Award for Excellence in Community Capacity Building, Collaborative Planning and Neighborhood Revitalization for the Brikyaat Master Plan.

The 2008 AIA Grand Valley Regional and Urban Design Award for the Hudsonville Downtown Master Plan.

The 2008 Michigan Association of Planning Outstanding Planning Project Award, Honorable Mention for the Hudsonville Downtown Master Plan.

The 2009 AIA Grand Valley Young Architect Award.

The 2011 Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission Outstanding Volunteer Award.

The 2011 AIA Grand Valley Regional and Urban Design Award for the Turn On 28th Street Corridor Sub Area Plan.

The 2011 AIA Grand Valley Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Award for the Sevens Building Rehabilitation.

The 2011 Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission Award for commercial building rehabilitation for the Sevens Building.

CHARRETTE AND PUBLIC WORK-SESSION PARTICIPATION

During employment at Nederveld, Mark has been involved in over twenty charrettes or public work-sessions, primarily as a member of the design team. These charrettes or public work-sessions include the following:

- Turn On 28th Street Workshops and Design Presentations
- Grand Valley Metro Council BRT/Division Avenue Charrette
- City of Wayne, Michigan Charrette in collaboration with Andrews University
- New Town of Laurent Charrette in South Dakota
- Grand Rapids Farmers' Market Charrette
- Midtown Neighborhood – Brikyaat Charrette
- AIA Grand Valley Urban Design Charrettes
- AIA Southwest Michigan Urban Design Charrette in Three Rivers, Michigan
- West Fulton Business District Public Work Session
- MSU Small Town Initiative in Hudsonville, Michigan
- Wealthy-Jefferson Charrette

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Panelist at Rapid Growth Transportation Summit 2012.

Speaker at Grand Rapids Gimme Shelter Conference 2011.
Placemaking in the 21st Century.

Speaker at Northwest Council of Governments Placemaking Conference 2011.
Suburban Retrofits in the Inner Ring Suburbs

Speaker at Greening the Heartland Conference 2009
Urbanism and Sustainability

Speaker at Michigan Association of Planning Conference 2008 – Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Revitalizing our Cities - Urbanism and Form-based codes.
(Session was approved for 1.5 AICP Credits)

Speaker for Ottawa County Excellence through Training Program in 2008.

Designing, Implementing, and Enforcing Architectural Design Standards
(Session was approved for 3 AICP Credits)

Guest Architectural and Urban Design Lecturer at Andrews University Division of Architecture in 2006.
Design along the Urban and Rural Transect: The Urban-Rural Connection

Guest Architectural and Urban Design Lecturer at Calvin College Philosophy Department in 2005.
Architecture – The Importance of Design in Community

Guest Architectural Lecturer at Grand Rapids Community College in 2002 and 2003.
Professional practice in Architecture and Alternate Careers with an Architectural Degree

Panel Speaker on New Urbanism at GVMC's Growing Communities Conference in 2004.
New Urbanism in West Michigan

Speaker to various cities, townships, community groups and other organizations
NU 101 An Introduction to New Urbanism

Speaker to various neighborhood associations and business associations.
The Charrette Process: A better way to design a community plan.

Speaker to various land preservation groups, including the MSU Extension Office and United Growth
The Urban-Rural Connection
NU101 An Introduction to New Urbanism
The Transect

Architectural Critic for studio projects at Andrews University Division of Architecture in 2006.

November 26, 2012

John Weiss, Executive Director
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Re: GVMC At-Large Board Member Vacancy

Dear Mr. Weiss:

I am very interested in serving as an at-large member of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council and have included my resume for your consideration. I am quite familiar with the activities of the GVMC and would be honored to be a part of this regional initiative.

As a Manager of Operations for Grand Valley State University and the current chairman of the Kent County Road Commission, my primary role is to bring together the appropriate personnel, organizations and information to facilitate change for the betterment of the community. I believe this board would allow me to serve Kent County in a similar capacity.

My municipal and management experiences have helped me understand the significance of maintaining positive relationships and open lines of communication throughout all levels of an organization. These skills are paramount when improving services, implementing new initiatives and educating community stakeholders.

My experiences have also allowed me to gain a thorough understanding of how to effectively work with politically and culturally diverse groups. Understanding and embracing our differences is the foundation of a team mentality. I believe this collaborative approach promotes cooperation and ultimately benefits the greater community.

I firmly believe that the collaborative vision of the GVMC directly serves the long-term wellbeing of Kent County and hope that you feel the combination of my education, municipal experiences and county knowledge would add value to this regional partnership.

Please feel free to contact me at (231) 629-1254 if you have any questions or require additional information. I look forward to this opportunity and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mark E. Rambo

MARK E. RAMBO

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EDUCATION

Grand Valley State University <i>Master of Public Administration</i>	Allendale, MI April 2003
Grand Valley State University <i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Allendale, MI April 2000
Muskegon Community College <i>Associates of Science</i>	Muskegon, MI April 1997

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

National Business Incubation Association <i>Incubator Management Certificate Program</i>	Athens, OH October 2012
Michigan State University Extension <i>Leadership Montcalm</i>	Stanton, MI May 2010
Central Michigan University, Off Campus Programs <i>Michigan Public Service Institute</i>	Mt Pleasant, MI August 2003
Michigan Certified Stormwater Operator #C-04164	<i>Current</i>

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

Proficient with ArcGIS, Word, Power Point, Excel, Access, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat, Publisher, FrontPage, WordPress, Visio

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Grand Valley State University <i>Manager of Operations</i>	Grand Rapids, MI September 2011 to Present
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- Facilities Management
- Budget Planning & Forecasting
- Transportation Planning and Management
- Project Management
- Contract Management
- Community Relations

Kent County Road Commission <i>Commissioner - Current Chairman</i>	Grand Rapids, MI June 2009 to Present
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- Position is Appointed By Kent County Board of Commissioners (not elected)
- Current Term: 2012 through 2017
- Provide Administrative and Financial Oversight
- Provide Organizational and Policy Guidance
- Monitor State/Federal Legislation

Village of Howard City
Village Manager

Howard City, MI
May 2005 to September 2011

- Served as Chief Administrative Officer
- Managed Police, Fire, Public Works, Water, Sewer, Clerk/Treasurer Departments
- Policy Research, Development and Implementation
- Community, Intergovernmental, Interdepartmental and Media Relations
- Water, Sewer & Transportation Planning
- Provided Centralized Leadership and Vision
- Assured Efficient and Effective Use of City's Resources
- Project Management/Coordination
- Monitored State/Federal Legislation
- Budget Planning & Preparation
- Strategic/Master Planning

City of Walker, Engineering Department
Engineering Programs Coordinator

Walker, MI
January 2001 to 2005

- Administered Environmental Programs
- Ensured City's Overall State/Federal Environmental Compliance
- Performed Environmental Inspections
- Maintained City's Geographic Information System
- Project Management
- Non-motorized Trail Planning/Development
- Site Plan Review

PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

City of Walker, Department of Public Works
Equipment Operator

Walker, MI
May 1999-2001

- Parks and Recreation Maintenance
- Street, Sewer and Drain Maintenance
- Building and Grounds Maintenance

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Parking Commission - City of Grand Rapids
- Kent County Fire Commission
- Montcalm Countywide Transit Initiative: Planning Committee (montcalmride.com)
- Legislative Governance Committee (Michigan Municipal League)
- Community Education Committee (Michigan Local Government Managers Association)
- Montcalm County Computer Information Systems Advisory Board
- West Michigan Soil Erosion Control Network
- West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
- Panhandle Chamber of Commerce
- Howard City Downtown Development Authority
- Howard City Planning Commission
- Montcalm Alliance (Economic Development Committee)
- Friends of the White Pine Trail
- Mineral Mining Review Board (City of Walker)
- Sand Creek Watershed Committee
- Lower Grand River Watershed Committee

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Commerce: Economic Development Administration

- \$1,315,000 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements (2010/11)

Michigan Department of Transportation: Transportation Enhancement Grant Program

- \$324,000 Downtown Streetscape Project (2010/11)

Michigan Economic Development Corporation: Downtown Infrastructure Grant

- \$450,000 Downtown Streetscape Project (2010/11)

FEMA: Assistance to Firefighters Grant

- \$43,000 Exhaust Removal System (2009/10)

Michigan Department of Transportation: Public Transportation Grant Program

- \$20,000 Bus Shelter (2007/08)

US Department of Agriculture

- \$24,000 Fire Tanker Truck (2006/07)

Michigan's Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund

- \$34,000 Sewer Engineering Grant (2006/07)

Michigan Department of Transportation: Transportation Enhancement Grant Program

- \$143,000 White Pine Trail Staging Area (2005/06)

Department of Housing and Urban Development (*Community Development Block Grants*)

- \$272,000 Shared Use Bike Path (2003)

Urban Cooperation Board

- \$30,000 Bike Trail Study Grant (2002)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES

Available Upon Request

Gayle Mccrath

From: John Weiss
Sent: Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:10 AM
To: Gayle Mccrath
Subject: Fwd: Weekly Update

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Peter Varga <PVarga@ridetherapid.org>
Date: March 15, 2013, 1:26:29 PM EDT
To: John Weiss <john.weiss@gvmc.org>
Subject: RE: Weekly Update

John - I see that you are soliciting members to the GVMC Board. The Rapid is not represented. I know I am on the Policy Committee and that may suffice to deal with the MAP-21 obligation. But just thinking... maybe you should inquire if that does suffice?

Peter

From: John Weiss [<mailto:john.weiss@gvmc.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 12:48 PM
Subject: Weekly Update

Attached is a copy of our Weekly Update. Thank you to all those that attended the lunch on Monday with Congressman Huizenga and our Communications Seminar yesterday. Have a great weekend.

John W. Weiss

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March 22, 2013

Ms. John W. Weiss
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Dear Mr. Weiss,

Please accept my bio and this letter of interest for the at-large board member position for the Grand Valley Metro Council.

As a planner actively engaged in community-building, these last several years granted me opportunities to demonstrate my commitment to the regional growth of West Michigan. I have written community planning documents such as Master Plans, Zoning Ordinances, Form-based Codes, Corridor Plans and Tax Increment Financing Plans for multiple West Michigan communities ranging from townships to neighborhoods.

For me, a thriving region means a strong urban core, with the transportation infrastructure, open space, and jobs to capture and retain talent. I believe that placemaking is key to our continued growth. The ability of a place, especially the spaces between the buildings and blocks, to accommodate and incite interaction is necessary for creating connections and building community. When we are careful to include various land uses in close proximity, we are intentional about bringing the human element and the built environment together.

When people come together in a place that was created for interaction, for example a town center, we take note and wake up to our responsibilities as citizens within a community. In service to GVMC, I would bring a regional community planning perspective to the position and advocate for continued collaboration with communities around sound land use and zoning policy.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to call with questions or comments. I'd be happy to meet face to face to further discuss my interest.

Sincerely,



Lynée L. Wells, AICP

Ms. Lynee Wells is an urban planner and project manager for Williams & Works, Inc. in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ms. Wells received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa and a Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of New Mexico. She is a registered Certified Planner with the Associated Institute of Certified Planners and is also certified in International Business from the University of Iowa, Form-Based Code from the Form-Based Codes Institute and completed Leadership Grand Rapids through the Center for Community Leadership in 2012.

As well as being a nominee for the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 ATHENA Award, Ms. Wells has been involved in award-winning projects, including:

- Michigan Association of Planning, Best Practice Award for Sustainable Zoning Ordinance, Spring Lake Township
- GVMC, Metropolitan Blueprint Award, Uptown Corridor Improvement District
- AIA Grand Valley, Honor Award, Turn on 28th Street Master Plan

Ms. Wells has successfully completed community planning for Uptown Grand Rapids Corridor Improvement District, Kalamazoo Farmer's Market Master Plan, Turn on 28th Street Master Plan and Kalamazoo Eastside Neighborhood Corridor Plan. She has also completed Master Plans for the City of Grand Haven, Cascade Charter Township, Barry County and City of Ludington–Waterfront Zoning District and Comprehensive Plan. Her resume for Zoning Ordinance Updates includes Mason County, Spring Lake Township, the City of Grand Haven, the Fisher's Station Form Based Code, and the City of Manistee.

Ms. Wells has professional affiliations with the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association and the Michigan Associate of Planning (MAP). She is a member of the Grand Rapids DDA, Environment Action Group, the Governor's Grand Rapids Advisory Group for Urban and Metropolitan Initiatives and the United Growth for Kent County. She has also presented at several MAP conferences and has written for the Michigan Municipal League *The Review* magazine.

Ms. Wells has worked with public and private sector clients since 2000. She has extensive experience in historic preservation and cultural landscape assessment, current and long-range planning, designing and implementing public involvement processes, and public meeting facilitation. She has worked with very diverse communities, in both rural and urban settings and is fluent in Spanish.

Currently, Ms. Wells is involved in a volunteer visionary position with two other professionals called "Build a Better Block" by working with the Heritage Hill Neighborhood Association and the Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority to create a two-day showcase of the economic innovation of three blocks of State Street located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This project will explore temporary ideas such as pop-up shops, patio dining, and other improvements to promote the long term urban revitalization of State Street.

Before joining Williams & Works, Ms. Wells was planner with Consensus Planning in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her previous experience includes working as a university project assistant and historian, a consultant with non-profit organizations, and an international program coordinator in Central America and Mexico. Ms. Wells is committed to regional planning, the relentless pursuit of meaningful public engagement, and giving back her time and talent to her community. She lives in Grand Rapids' Easttown neighborhood with her husband and two children.

KDL Information.
Kent District Library Ideas.
Excitement!

January 14, 2013

Mr. John W. Weiss
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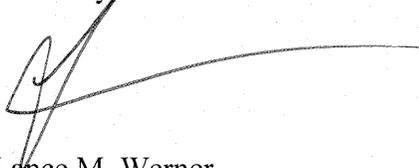
Dear Mr. Weiss:

Please accept this letter of interest for participation on the Board of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC). As the Director of Kent District Library, I wholeheartedly believe in the mission of the GVMC to advance the current and future well-being of our metropolitan area and the people living here. Like the GVMC, public libraries have had a long history of cooperating with other public and private entities to provide services to educate and enrich the lives of all people. Only through these essential partnerships have libraries found enduring success in helping to build communities in which people not only live, but thrive.

I am excited about the potential to serve on the GVMC Board as it could prove an ideal opportunity to further build the strategic connections necessary for not only strong libraries, but strong communities in our metropolitan area. I have included my biography following this letter of interest, and would be delighted to speak with you directly if you have any questions regarding my background or current position.

Thank you again for considering me for a position on the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board.

Sincerely,



Lance M. Werner
Library Director

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