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GVMC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Noon, October 17, 2013

GVMC Offices

- 1. Approval of August Minutes – Attachment**
- 2. Board Nomination Process - Attachment**
- 3. Regional Prosperity Update**
- 4. Ambulance Consortium Contract**
- 5. Center for Michigan – Community Conversation - Attachment**
- 6. SAW Grant Application Process**
- 7. Open Discussion with Executive Director**
- 8. Adjourn**

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

August 15, 2013

12:00 noon

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

Minutes

Present

Jim Buck
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Brian Donovan
George Heartwell
Don Hilton, Sr.
Cindy Janes
Cy Moore
Alan Vanderberg
Michael Young

City of Grandville
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
Cascade Township
Council Treasurer
Ottawa County
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 June Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Heartwell.
SUPPORT – Janes. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Agenda Addition

a. ITP Designation as Recipient of 5310 Funds

Abed Itani reported on the request to designate ITP as the recipient of 5310 funds.

MOTION – To Approve and Move to the GVMC Board Agenda the Request to Designate ITP as the Recipient of 5310 Funds. MOVE – DeVries. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Transportation

John Weiss updated the group on transportation meetings being held to determine which local projects would get funding for non-motorized pathways. The list was narrowed down to six projects including ones for Rockford, Jamestown Twp., Cannon Twp., Grand Rapids, and Kent County parks.

c. Regional Issues

John Weiss reported on the Governor's initiative on combining regions to bring into alignment several layers of borders. It is a voluntary attempt to bring various planning organizations together to collaborate. John stressed the focus needs to be on outcomes and appropriate staffing. The proposed region GVMC is in stretches from Ludington to Hastings. How can we organize a region that big? The Governor is looking at us as an example. We need to know the goals to be able to organize around them. John will be meeting with Bill Rustum to discuss.

d. Quarterly Breakfast Update

Gayle McCrath reported the November 4 Quarterly Breakfast will be held at the L. William Seidman Center of GVSU. GVSU is comping all of the room charges as well as parking. The GVMC Board meeting will follow in the DeVos Boardroom on the fourth floor.

At this time about sixty-five people have responded. The room will fit a maximum of about 200 people.

e. LGROW Update

Michael Young updated the group on the Rouge River Watershed which currently is part of GVMC. Members of the group are taking a direction which is not conducive to the collaborative nature of GVMC. They will be breaking off into an independent entity by the end of the year.

4. GVMC 2013/2014 Budget

John Weiss reviewed the changes to the proposed 2013/2014 budget. Salaries and contractual services have changed as Wendy Ogilvie has been offered the position of Director of Environmental Programs for GVMC. She is formerly of Fishbeck and has handled the Council's NPDES program for the past several years. Wendy is expected to expand GVMC's environmental programs and pursue additional grants. Her salary is expected to be covered for by a reduction in the cost of consultants to administer the NPDES program.

5. Discussion with Executive Director

Staff was excused.

6. Adjourn

d) Water/Sewer Planning. This function involves water and sewer planning for the greater metropolitan area, including the extension of trunklines and treatment facilities.

e) Land Use Planning Coordination. This function will provide review and coordination assistance to local governments with regard to their land use planning efforts.

f) Intergovernmental Liaison. This function includes representing interests of the Metropolitan Area at the State government in Lansing, and possibly at the federal governmental level, with regard to funding and budgetary needs and with regard to various planning matters, legislative issues and other matters that are under study or review by those governments.

The Council may also undertake the following functions:

g) Health Care Planning. This function involves the oversight for the emergency medical systems and advisory organizations with regard to certificates of need and related functions.

h) Public Facilities Planning and Coordination. This function involves area-wide planning and coordination of cultural and recreational facilities of a metropolitan scale and will serve to promote the enrichment of the quality of life in the area. It shall also include the promotion of convention, trade and tourist activities within the metropolitan area.

The powers and duties of these agencies as listed above shall be subject to the direction of the Council.

2.2 Additional Functions. The Council may undertake additional functions not identified in Section 2.1 only by amendment of these Bylaws by the Council.¹

SECTION III OFFICERS

3.1 Officers. In accordance with the Articles, the Council shall annually elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

3.2 Duties of Chairperson. The Chairperson shall act as the principal executive officer of the Council and shall preside at all meetings of the Council. In addition, the Chairperson shall have all other powers and duties prescribed by the Articles and these Bylaws.

3.3 Duties of Vice-Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the

¹But see Article XVII of Articles of Incorporation regarding two-thirds vote by legislative bodies of member units.

Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson.

3.4 Duties of Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and maintaining minutes of each Council meeting and for other record-keeping duties as prescribed by the Council.

3.5 Duties of Treasurer. The Treasurer shall generally supervise the collection and disbursement of funds as directed by the Council.

3.6 Officer's Terms. It is preferred that officers serve no more than four consecutive one-year terms in the same position.

SECTION IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4.1 Executive Committee; Meetings; Voting. In accordance with the Articles, the Council shall establish an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chairperson or, in the absence of the Chairperson, upon the call of the Vice Chairperson, upon not less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice except in emergency situations. A quorum shall consist of a majority of voting members of the Executive Committee. All matters before the Executive Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of the voting members present at the meeting. Each voting member of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

SECTION V STANDING COMMITTEES

5.1 Standing Committees; Establishment. The Council may establish standing committees as it deems necessary. Members of all standing committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson subject to confirmation of the Council for a term of one (1) year commencing in October of each year. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the standing committee shall be designated by the Chairperson subject to confirmation of the Council.

5.2 Standing Committees; Quorum; Voting. A majority of the members of the standing committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business before the committee. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the procedures of all standing committees of the Council shall be governed by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*. All standing committees shall meet at the call of the chairperson of the committee or upon the request of a majority of the members of the committee. Any matter before a committee may be decided by a majority of a quorum present at a meeting of the committee. Each member of the committee shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any issue before the committee.

Article XI. Officers. The Council shall, at its organizational meeting in October each year, elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer for the ensuing fiscal year. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall be Members of the Council. The Secretary and Treasurer are not required to be Members of the Council. The duties of these officers shall be prescribed by the Council's Bylaws. Each officer shall serve for the fiscal year for which the officer was elected and thereafter until a successor is elected. Any of these officers may be removed at any time without cause upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of weighted votes of the Council.

Article XII. Executive Director. Upon the recommendation of the Chairperson, the Council may appoint an Executive Director, in accordance with such terms as it may prescribe, to serve at the pleasure and under the supervision of the Council, as the principal administrator for the Council. The Executive Director shall have the powers and duties as provided in the Bylaws. The Executive Director shall not be a Member of the Council.

Article XIII. Executive Committee. An Executive Committee shall be established in accordance with this Article.

A. Membership. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Council, the Executive Director (if appointed pursuant to Article XII) and up to that number of other Members of the Council so that the total number of Executive Committee members will equal in number up to one-third of the total number of Units. Such other members of the Executive Committee shall be selected by the Council at its initial meeting of each fiscal year. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Council shall be voting members of the Executive Committee only if they are Members of the Council. The Executive Director shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

B. Responsibilities. The Executive Committee shall:

1. review matters which are proposed for the agenda by the Chairperson and may offer recommendations to the Council with regard to the items which are on each agenda;
2. review and make recommendations on the proposed budget to be approved by the Council for each fiscal year;
3. review and make recommendations to the Council on the work, goals and objectives presented to the Council by any standing committees, and agencies which operate under the Council;
4. undertake such other responsibilities as are delegated to the Executive Committee by the Council.



Community Conversations: What's YOUR Agenda for Michigan in 2014?

Who?

The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit, nonpartisan think-and-do tank, strives to be the state's "Citizenship Company."

We never endorse political parties or candidates for office. Instead, we seek to frame public issues with public input and outline for public leaders what the public wants.

Our work is supported by many of Michigan's leading foundations, businesses and individuals.

What?

Community Conversations are one of The Center's leading "products." Since 2007, more than 20,000 Michigan residents have participated in Community Conversations. **Michigan's elected leaders are listening.** The findings of Community Conversations were the focus of the only televised debate between the two major candidates in the last race for governor. And reports from previous Community Conversations provided public momentum for state leaders to:

- Approve the nation's largest expansion of public preschool.
- Approve deeper state investment in the "Pure Michigan" marketing campaign.
- Reform state business taxes.
- Institute reforms to save taxpayers \$250 million in state prison costs..

Beginning in September 2013, The Center will hold up to 150 Community Conversations with thousands of diverse Michigan residents to set your 2014 agenda for Michigan. On November 4, 2014 we will choose our next governor, all 38 state Senators and all 110 members of the state House of Representatives. We believe that your voice should shape the focus of this election and

Michigan's path in 2015 and beyond—and we want to be your bullhorn to the candidates.

Where and When?

From September 2013-April 2014, the Center will hold conversations in communities across the state from Port Huron to the Upper Peninsula to Benton Harbor. The Center aims to ensure that Community Conversation participants fully represent all of Michigan.

Why?

The Center aims to engage thousands of people across Michigan in these discussions, with the goal of identifying your priorities for our state in 2014 and beyond, and then amplifying these public priorities in all campaigns and in the state capitol after the election.

Discussion topics will include:

- How you feel about Michigan today
- Education
- Economy & Prosperity
- Quality of Life
- Public Money Priorities

Interested in Hosting?

Contact the Center for Michigan at engage@thecenterformichigan.net or 734-769-4625 to schedule a conversation in your community.