

**GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**February 6, 2008**

**8:30 a.m.**

GVMC Offices  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**MINUTES**

**1. Call To Order**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present:

Haris Alibasic	City of Grand Rapids
Chuck Bloom	Cannon Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Don Hilton	Gaines Township
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Erika Rosebrook	Ottawa County
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Michael Young	City of Rockford

**3. Call to Order**

Chair Rick Root called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**4. Approval of Minutes from December, 2007**

**The minutes of the GVMC December, 2007, Legislative Committee were accepted into record.**

**5. Legislative Breakfast**

Don Stypula reported there were 12 legislators who had confirmed their attendance.

Topics and speakers include:

Unfunded Mandates – Mike DeVries, Grand Rapids Township  
Revenue Sharing – Denny Swartout, Ottawa County

Governmental Cooperation (Act 312 etc) – Rick Root, City of Kentwood

Speakers should be provided background information in advance. The presentations should each be approximately 7 min., and Don Stypula will try to engage each legislator in the discussion.

## **6. Tax Incentives for Industrial and Commercial Development**

Don Stypula discussed the possibility of inviting GVMC members to a meeting hosted by the Right Place to discuss tax incentives and commercial development.

It was decided that a meeting might be beneficial, but it should not be hosted by the Right Place as it would basically be a forum or commercial for their position.

Rick Root stated legislators and others need to be included also.

## **7. Other**

Mike DeVries stated he would like to have another legislative breakfast before the election.

## **8. Adjourn – 10:05.**