GPNA Board Meeting Agenda – October 8, 2015 6:00 pm

* Call to Order
* Roll Call/Introductions
  + Board members
    - Brian Swem
    - Angelique DuPhene
    - Mark Moerdyk
    - Ashleigh Draft
    - Dan Vandermolen
    - Jane Konyndyk
  + Staff
    - Fran Dalton
  + Guests
    - Salahuddin Ali
    - Jim W.
    - Benecia Kyle
    - Chase Stanck
* Approval of last month minutes
* Staff Update
  + Quarterly Report
    - Need approval to submit before 10/15
    - Fran is confident in how we've done for the quarter
    - Happy with where indicators currently are
  + E-blast about Dickinson park went out
  + Great Housing Strategies - plan for how we address housing development in Grand Rapids
    - Fran to provide further documents when available
  + Events of note within the quarter presented
    - 6 neighborhood block parties
    - Coordination with the Literacy Center on park event
    - Coordination with the Healthy Kent Infant Health Implementation team park event
    - Upcoming feeding GRPD event in November in coordination with Creston NA
    - Completion of Phase 1 of the park renovation project
    - Completed 85 Inspections for city code enforcement
    - Coordination with Grand Rapids Parks & Recreation on outreach efforts with neighbors for Dickenson Park Renovation Listening Sessions
    - Coordination of community training with Kent County Emergency Preparedness date to be determined
* New Business
  + Molina Health Care Partnership Opportunities
    - Benecia Kyle to discuss partnership opportunities
      * Lead community engagement role
    - Work in community to support different initiatives and fund different projects to support the community
    - Molina is Medicare, Medicaid and MyChild, all government funded
      * Focus of Molina is to give back to the community
      * Enhance brand awareness, achieve favorable PR, develop marketing brochures
      * Encourage people to have insurance
    - Would love to be included in any event we host
      * Product for use at events and promotional Molina booth
      * Underwriting specific items for events
      * Sponsorship budget available, potentially an advertising budget as well
      * Potential to advertise in the newsletter
      * Smoothie bike and mascot available for use at events
  + Unison Christian Church presentation
    - Presentation by Chase Stanck, pastor at Unison Christian Church
    - Handout provided with information regarding the Church
    - New Church out of Kentwood Community churches located in Kentwood
    - Launched in April of 2015 in Buchanan Elementary
    - Looking for more appropriate venue to host the church out of
      * Division & Burton a desirable location for the Church with the intersection of ethnicities and incomes - desire to bring everyone together.
      * Looking at the Theater at 1944 Division as a location for the Church
        + Outside would stay the same as it currently is to encourage the creativity
        + Looking to renovate the interior to better suit their needs
        + Monday thru Saturday they want it to be an urban studio
        + Partnership with Pioneer construction
        + Lease with an option to buy
        + $10,000 lease for a year
        + Currently undergoing environmental inspections (due diligence)
        + Will be able to provide a timeline after inspections are complete
        + Renovations would take a minimum of 9 months, 2017 would probably be the soonest they would be working out of the theater
      * Healthy multi-ethnic church
      * Most ethnically diverse zip code in West Michigan
    - Mission: Engage, elevate, serve.
    - Want to cultivate the positive aspects within the community, encourage creativity
    - Wants to continue collaboration with GPNA and keep us involved in the process
    - Already interest from artists and performers to utilize the space when it is ready
    - Goal is to seat 400 with space for classrooms
    - Parking has already been considered, they will partner with Outreach center and other local business to gain access to parking spots
      * Brian not concerned in regards to parking
    - New City Kids is being looked at for structure of programs
  + Sala Huddin Ali Zoning Request presentation
    - Proposal to convert a house at Division and Withey into a mixed use building.  Apartments would be upstairs and a book store and Mosque would be downstairs.
    - The business/mosque name is Nasjid Sunnah.
    - Mr. Ali can be reached at [(517) 528-0174](tel:%28517%29%20528-0174) or [admin@nasjidsunnah.org](mailto:admin@nasjidsunnah.org).
    - Was once a mosque on Division that burned down in the past, no Muslim representation on SE side of GR
    - Started as a publishing company, sold around the world
    - Focus on educating Muslims and clear misconceptions and misinformation
    - Active around the country
    - Small congregation (approximately a dozen people), not looking for a large space
    - Looking to be able to generate revenue and have a meeting space
    - Hoping a mosque/bookstore will drive new traffic to the area
    - The house has already been purchased at Division and Withey
    - Needs to be rezoned for worship
    - Public hearing in 2 weeks (10/22)
    - Documentation, drawings and plans will be provided when available
    - Mosque has a potential to help "clean up the neighborhood"
    - Plan to do community outreach
    - 2312 S. Division
      * Small commercial 2 story building
      * Parking on back side of the building
      * 4 single 1 bedroom apartments upstairs
      * 2 store fronts
      * Building has "good bones"
      * Main floor approx. 1200 square feet
      * Behind storefronts would be worship center
      * Space will allow for up to 45 individuals
      * Basement as storage space
    - Asking for support from GPNA for special land use zoning permit
      * Goes against the master plan
    - Burton & Kalamazoo is the next closest Mosque
    - Worship services 5x per day, less than 30 minutes per session
    - Friday prayer service in the afternoon
    - Classes on the weekend
    - Store and library would have regular business hours during the week
      * Volunteer run, no paid employees
    - Currently running everything out of homes
    - Not worried about tension with the Bath House across the street
      * Already working with local neighbors
    - Congregation functions with a board for leadership
    - Brian interested in seeing more transparency in the façade
    - GPNA board will discuss over the next week and provide an answer before the planning meeting
      * Ashleigh and/or Fran to attend the meeting
    - If approved, they will continue to fundraise, anticipate 6-9 months of renovation. Late 2016 in to 2017 timeframe
  + Annual Meeting
    - Still need date confirmation
    - To schedule with the KROC center
    - Brian to confirm date and communicate with board
      * Early spring date (March/April)
  + NationBuilder/Web Site next steps
    - Add to November Agenda
    - Need Chris to attend for further discussion
    - Brian has concerns regarding pricing, need to check into it further
    - Form committee for the web site
    - Need to prioritize database moving to NationBuilder
  + Party in the Park 2016 Planning
    - Add to November Agenda
    - Target last Saturday in July
    - Daniel to e-mail rough data he and Chris have developed to date
    - Work with Molina on sponsorship for the event
  + Punch List for Garfield Park
    - Brian E-mailed parks department, looks like construction is complete but punch list has not been completed
    - Brian to walk park and document any loose ends that currently exist
    - GPNA board to push city to complete before winter  
      ·         Committee ReportsCommittee Reports
* Committee Reports
  + Finance
    - Budget item to be resolved - employee health care benefits and workmans comp.
    - Have to find a way to spend grant money by end of city fiscal year (June 2016)
    - DNO Policy to be established to protect board from liability
    - Separating grant money into separate funds
    - Streamlined procedure to be more efficient
    - Fran and Ester to brainstorm ideas on how to spend the grant money
  + Communications
    - Newsletter Update
      * Ashleigh & Amy White working on content gathering  
        -Angelique working on template  
        -Goal is to publish newsletter in early January (after the holidays)
* Public Comments
* Adjournment