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 or 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
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	+ 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