GPNA Board Meeting Agenda – February 11, 2016 6:00 pm

* Call to Order
* Roll Call/Introductions
  + Board members
    - Brian Swem
    - Angelique DuPhene
    - Mark Moerdyk
    - Daniel Vandermolen
    - Ashleigh Draft
    - Matthew Draft
    - Jane Konyndyk
  + Staff
    - Fran Dalton
  + Guests
    - David Allen
    - Tara Roberson
    - Cassie Kobler
    - Sharon Briggs
    - Julie Metzker
    - Courtney Wierzbicki
    - Jenn Hicks
    - Brad Shiel
    - Leslie Konyndyk
    - John Fetter
* Guest Presentations
  + Commissioner David Allen (10 mins)
    - Third ward city commissioner
    - Founded Lighthouse Community (LINC)
    - Tries to avoid bureaucracy
    - Available to answer questions at 616-719-7500 or dcallen@grcity.us
    - Involved with police department’s 12 step plan to be more responsive
    - Believes in making community issues *your* issues
    - Passionate about neighborhoods, organizing neighbors together
    - Neighborhood matching grant program
      * Blocks can apply
      * Neighbors make decisions, front 50% of money, grant matches rest of cost
      * A unique way to execute creative ideas in neighborhoods
    - Wants to get neighborhoods associations funded by positive things versus negative things
    - Huge housing crisis – shortage of available homes in the city
      * Ancillary living units
      * Utilizing vacant lots to build new houses
      * Wants to ability to use and develop to create additional housing
* Staff Update
  + Notice that 100 Burton is going before the commission February 25th
    - GPNA board will not attend in an official capacity
  + Community Garden Season 2016 (10 mins)
    - Fran provided consultation agreement for Leslie Konyndyk, recommends we continue this agreement for 2016
      * Paid for out of the Dyer Ives grant
      * $6.25/hr
        + Brian questions the low rate

Recommends removing the hours per month language in the agreement.

* + - * + Leslie wants to ensure it’s a sustainable budget
    - Seeking a larger community plot subsidized through Dyer Ives funding
    - Seeking sustainability for the garden
    - Requesting approval from board to move forward with agreement with Leslie, starting in February
      * Ashleigh moves to approve the plan to move forward with GPNA community garden contract with Leslie, pending Frans changes to the contract.
        + Angelique seconds
        + All in favor
        + Motion passes
* New Business
  + Annual Meeting Update (5 mins)
    - May 5, 2016 confirmed date
    - Need to communicate to neighbors and invite dignitaries
      * Brian will handle communicating with dignitaries
    - Board to brainstorm ways to make the annual meeting more interesting
      * Encourage participation from the community
      * How can we get people excited to attend?
  + NationBuilder/Web Site Progress Update (5 mins)
    - We will stick with NationBuilder, not moving to WordPress
    - Angelique has committed to complete & make live prior to March board meeting
    - Ashleigh recommends we train staff on how to update the web site
  + Summer Celebration 2016 Planning (10 mins)
    - August 6th, 2016
    - Title sponsor, Health Department - donating $5,000 to the cause
    - At $7,000 fundraising total to date
    - Next step, setting up committee to work on the event
      * Looking to gain volunteers from outside of the board
    - End of Feb/Early March supplementary meeting to discuss
    - Healthy Living theme to event
      * Kent County Health Connect
      * Tobacco Free Living
      * Healthy Eating
      * Active Living
      * Community/Clinical Linkages
      * Federal Grant through CDC
    - Angelique to reach out to Meijer Healthy Living Advisors in regards to sponsorship opportunities
    - Striving for new 9 hole course for Disk Golf
      * Trying to implement for 2016, reality may not be till 2017.
  + City Audit Response (5 mins)
    - Brian confirms this has been handled, no additional action is required at this time
  + Digital Voting Procedure/Recording (10 mins)
    - Jane has concerns regarding votes done through e-mail
      * Requesting we record the official vote and results somewhere other than via e-mail
    - Add new section of “old business”
      * Include all votes taken via e-mail
  + Professional Association Resources (7pm start)
    - ***BOARD MEMBERS ONLY***
    - Needs and priorities discussion
* Committee Reports
  + Communications
    - Newsletter to be submitted to Gilson by end of week
* Public Comments
  + John Fetter concerns/block clubs
    - 2 armed robberies within 3 days
    - Met with local police to develop block club format
    - Union Oaks Block Club
      * Unionoaks.org
      * Goals:
        + Decrease crime
        + Decrease property insurance rates
        + Increase property values
      * Crime & Safety main reason for development
      * Block club to receive incident reports that post directly to the web site
      * Meetings every 2nd Monday of the Month
  + Kendall architecture students stopped by – talked briefly in regards to what we like to see architecturally in the neighborhood.
* Adjournment