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