GPNA Board Meeting Agenda – March 8, 2017 6:00 pm

* Call to Order 6:00pm
* Roll Call/Introductions
  + Board members
    - Michael Scholton
    - Angelique DuPhene
    - Ashleigh Draft
    - Matthew Draft
  + Staff
    - Tonya Adkins McKeever
    - Fran Dalton
    - Jesus Solis
  + Guests
* Approval of February 9 meeting minutes
  + Approved
* Guest Presentations
  + Calvin College Rain Garden Presentation (10 minutes)
    - Presentation by Deanna Geelhoed
    - Caring for downstream neighbors
    - 7 Options for Garfield Park
      * Option 1 in the presentation is the recommendation
    - Will need to work with Parks & Recreation if we pursue this
    - Next steps:
      * Decide which option to pursue
      * 1 and 4 are board preferences
      * Check with parks & recreation
      * Tonya to update us on progress of execution
    - Labor is volunteers
    - Use of native plants, low maintenance
* Staff Update
  + Tonya (5 minutes)
  + Fran (10 minutes)
    - Health Fair - April 22
      * Being planned with the nursing department of GVSU and park and recreation
      * Being held in the Garfield Park gymnasium
    - Brookside Elementary Enrollment Campaign
    - Yester Year Bar Intervention
      * Addressing neighborhood concerns
      * Blocked parking lots and driveways
      * Fran & Jesus actively working on solution
      * Business has provided phone number for neighborhood use
    - Neighborhood Match Fund grant
      * Opportunity to secure dollars for community garden water source
      * March 30th target date
      * Up to $2500
      * What are the long-term costs of a water source?
      * We would need to monetize what we do with the funds
      * Connect with Leslie and Phil Wheeler
      * Property is owned by the Land Bank
    - TREES TREES TREES - Friends of Grand Rapids Parks
      * Opportunity for grants for trees
      * Neighbors can use this
        + 2-3 groups currently interested
    - City new Special Events policy
      * More regulations
      * Need to be aware of the policy in regards to the GPNA free event for use of the park
      * National Night Out date is now the “free” date
        + Tuesday, August 1
      * Free rental needs to be reserved for Summer Celebration
        + Do we want to hold the Summer Celebration on a Tuesday?
      * What are the rates to rent the park?
      * Refer to paperwork Fran shared via e-mail
    - Proposed Feasibility Study for Division/Grandville CID
    - 2017 GPNA Survey
      * Last year results:
        + 67% of respondents were interested in regular meetings with GRPD
        + Increase in block parties desired
      * Based new questions on feedback from last year
      * Indicate to new respondents that we want additional feedback
  + Jesus (5 minutes)
    - Tenant Town Hall
      * Union being run by housing association
      * Being held at the Garfield Park gymnasium
      * Targeting 4/27
      * Renters rights to be discussed and reviewed in English and Spanish
      * Growing tenant population
    - Immigration and GPNA constituents
      * We are involved and concerned regarding new immigration policies
      * Create a safe space for people to get information on this issue
      * Grand Rapids not currently a sanctuary city
        + We are a “welcoming” city
      * Chief of police has confirmed they will not take on the role of ICE
      * Immigration office has multiple resources available
      * Event happening 3/23 at Burton Elementary
      * How do we communicate to the people who need this information?
      * Do we want to advocate to as a board to the city in regards to these issues?
        + How DO we advocate?
        + Let’s have GPNA representation at the city commission meetings
        + We need to ensure we have the right message
        + We need a better reading on our residents feelings in regards to this issue
        + #1 thing we need to do is be supportive of our community
        + Do we need a sub-committee to address this?
        + We will focus on raising public awareness
* Old Business
  + Votes taken via e-mail
    - None
  + Time off policy
    - New policy proposal provided by Mark Moerdyk at February 8th board meeting
    - New policy is posted to the GPNA dropbox
    - Michael has requested Fran review the new policy as the changes affect her
    - Michael proposes that Fran be grandfathered in to the 10 year pro-rated time off within the new policy
    - Current dispute on Fran’s 2016 pay stubs regarding paid vacation days
      * Mark Moerdyk did not grant the paid vacation days
      * Fran maintains that she used her available vacation days and should be paid for these days from 2016
      * Kathy provided Fran with the amount of days she had remaining
      * Board will resolve this issue via e-mail
* New Business
* Committee Reports
  + Newsletter (3x per year – March, June, November) (10 minutes)
    - Spring Newsletter
      * Timeline Development
        + Need to have the Spring issue in mailboxes by end of April
        + Looking to have Jesus develop milestone dates that we need to hit to be on time for future newsletters
      * Content ideas
        + Would like to see more diverse content
        + Blurbs from the neighborhood
        + More focus on Burton business district
        + Rain garden
        + Immigrant rights workshop
        + Disc Golf write-up
        + Advertising for the annual meeting
        + Tenant Union advertising
        + Feedback from 2016 survey & actions from that feedback

Point people to the web site to take the new survey

* + - Seek new printer quotes
      * Angelique to acquire quotes from 3 local printers
        + Gilson
        + Spartan Graphics
        + Britten Décor
  + Web Site (5 minutes)
    - Jesus requests permission to seek training on Nation Builder
  + Events
    - Summer Celebration 2017 (10 minutes)
      * Difficult to get funding and schedule this late in the year
      * Provide Tonya all information to pursue options
        + Matt to provide list of sponsors from 2016
    - Annual Meeting (10 minutes)
      * Michael contacted the Kroc center
        + Still need confirmation
      * Michael proposes we follow the same format as last year
      * May 11th, 6-7:30pm
      * Jesus to design a flyer to post on social media
    - Disc Golf Course Spring Event (10 minutes)
      * March Mayhem event title
      * 10 of 72 players signed up to date
      * Full turnout expected
      * Patty Matters food truck
      * Check in starts at 8am
        + Players have an hour to get here and check in
      * Prizes are being collected by Josh Mumme
        + $200-$500 expected from raffle
        + Funds to be used for signs
      * Lodge and Park use confirmed by GPNA
        + Michael or Jesus to be available to open the lodge
      * Parking Lot use
        + Can we get the north-west parking lot open for the event?
        + Fran to contact the city
      * Advertised on Discgolfscene.com and social media sites
    - Disc Golf Summer Event
      * Shea providing 150 used disks for handing out to community members
  + Crime & Safety Committee
    - Need a recruit from this committee to join the board
  + Community Preparedness
* Public Comments
* Adjournment