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