

**Grandmont Community Association**  
Grandmont: Detroit's Home of Good Neighbors  
P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, Michigan 48227

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**4GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: December 4, 2021      TIME: 10AM      PLACE: Zoom  
**December 4 2021 Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:06am**
- II. Board Members Present: Ethel Smith, Cora Duncan-Foster, Larissa Richardson, Samantha Bonaparte, Krystal Thurmond, Joyce Tatum, Ed Smith (late), Josh Engle (late-flat tire)**
- Board Members Absent: Diane Patterson, Robert Patterson,**
- Committee Chairs / Community Members Present: Jenise Collins, Kathy Garrett, Jackie Garrett, Sandi Miller, Yolanda Burnett, Carly Adams, Alex H, Aaron Hall**
- III. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Cora moved to accept the correct minute, Joyce seconded carries by common consent.**
- IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS:**
- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Stay safe in light of the Omicron variant, Michigan is a hot spot, do your part to stay safe, mask up and social distance, get your booster and get vaccinated. Opportunities to get engaged with committees in their end of year events. Proposed Asphalt Plant - it was denied, but they are trying to appeal. There are two opportunities for communities to participate and express concerns.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Contacted by Katina Grace, Employee Experience Manager, Detroit Manufacturing Systems, 12701 Southfield Rd. Building A, Detroit, MI. 48223. She mentioned that Detroit Manufacturing Systems would love to partner with the Grandmont Community Association. They make products for Ford. They have jobs and they do tours.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robert and Diane out of town this weekend, no numbers provided today. Hopefully later Larissa can send some out. Larissa does have access to checks if needed.
- D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Memberships for 2021: 217; PayPal Balance is \$305.88; Memberships for 2022: 68 Always remind people of paying their dues in committee meetings, etc.
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):**
- A. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (Jomo King):** no report
- B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson):** Bows on the Grandmont signs provided by Beautification committee members! Next meeting in April 2022.
- C. ENVIRONMENTAL/VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (Harrison Duke III & Diane Patterson):**
1. Samantha asked about Grand River/Asbury Park building - there is a parking lot there now, just wondering who is making changes there - follow up if they are allowed to do these things
- D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller):** December issue going to be printed due to website issues.
- 1. Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster):** no report this month
- E. GRDC (Jomo King/Charlotte Wright):** no report - still looking for an executive director for GRDC, 5 neighborhood presidents will be meeting next week and Larissa will share after that happens
- F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith):** no report
- G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):** Rippling Hope Continues to have free dog food, cat litter, and paint for distribution. They also have bread for distribution. So far this year, the Rippling Hope Volunteers have completed projects on 70 homes. There are still 60 requests on the list from 2020 applications. The total volunteers for 2020-2021 were 227. There are volunteer groups already

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registered for next year. Motown Mission in Detroit gives volunteers during spring break. The Rippling Hope Mission Center has been expanded to include more beds, now they can sleep 18 people. Through donations Carl was able to get a truck. The special funding appeal has helped them receive \$8000 in funds.

- H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):** The Scholarship Committee appreciates all donations! Now, the GCA Scholarship Total is \$1,505.35. Cora will write an article in the January Grandmonitor calling all students to share their special gift, hobby, sport, game, art, etc. The Scholarship Committee will meet soon to discuss our scholarship process. At this time the scholarship will be strictly from private donations from residents and friends.
- I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum):** Joyce said don't be afraid to reach out if there are any cars that shouldn't be there. Encouraged using the Improve Detroit app to resolve issues. Sheriff Washington has been a great partner. Can call Officer Childrey as well.
- J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):** On target for the Holiday Appreciation Drive By for Saturday - had between 89-93 volunteers for the committees. May need to increase the number of meals based on RSVPs. 58 people have RSVP'd to get a meal. Krystal would like to just receive the allotted money for the programs she helps to plan at the outset, only reimburse for overages. Money side has been challenging for her this time to manage. Still needs 2 more volunteers for Saturday's event. Yolanda, Joyce, and Cora volunteered but still help out if you can!
- K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Jibreel Tatum):** Joyce shared Jibreel's report: he met a lot of street and block captains for his first distributions. Need to update the list of street and block captains -have a meeting soon. Cora suggested he have a small article to introduce himself. Highlight street and block captains that have stepped up. Ethel is glad that he's enjoying himself in the new position!
- L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Jenise Collins):**
  - 1. Keep youth and educators in mind in this hard time following the Oxford Tragedy.
  - 2. Hat and Glove Drive was a success and will be distributed to students on December 10th.
  - 3. Last meeting of the committee for the year 2021 is December 11, reach out to Jenise for information to meet via Zoom at 10am.
  - 4. Still waiting on a recap from Edison School regarding the Thanksgiving baskets
- M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
  - 1. **WEBSITE (vacant):** Have advertised for new webmaster in Grandmonitor
  - 2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte):** no report

**VI. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:** Ethel moved to accept, Joyce seconded and approved by common consent

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- A. Met Neighbors Alex H and Carly Adams who live on Abington and are looking to get involved.**
- B. Aaron Hall: dealing with DWSD issues - check to make sure your main drain is hooked up correctly, check by getting the main drain scoped. Encouraged us to get involved in the asphalt company appeal to the denial meetings, also encouraging us to get involved and watch City Council meetings when they happen. Land Bank concerns getting addressed.**
- C. Kathy Garrett (GRDC): GRDC is accepting hard copies of applications for the KIPD program, Kathy can help with editing as well. GRDC cannot be the lead on any particular grant but they can collaborate and serve as the Fiduciary for an organization.**
- D. Jackie Garrett (Michigan Community Resources Program Manager): KIPD is in round 7. Projects are funded by Kresge <https://coactdetroit.org/kipd/> for more information Opportunities for Non-Profits to be funded in varying amounts and for projects ranging from**

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6months to 2 years. Can be programming or place based projects. Pre-planning, planning, implementation - MCR helps to support communities in the application process - office hours between now and January 14. December 9 another information session will take place. The application has options for written answers or video answers. Pre planning - grant opportunity \$20-30k you have an idea/opportunity but you don't have it fleshed out yet - community engagement, research, early seed of an idea Please reach out to Jackie at her direct phone number: 313 920 3374 or [jgarrett@mi-community.org](mailto:jgarrett@mi-community.org)

1. planning- fund an in depth plan - experts (architects, consultants, engineers, etc)
2. planning and implementation - funded first, consultants secured - break ground or start the programming (up to \$150k)
3. implementation - just do the programming or break ground on project (already have vendors) <https://kresge.org/initiative/kipd-plus/> (map of projects)

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. GCA fundraising - GCA paraphernalia**

1. Larissa shared a sample design for a tote bag. Plan for t-shirts, sweatshirts and tote bags, - \$16 for totes, crew neck sweatshirts \$18, (upsell to make a profit as a fundraiser)
2. Idea from Carly to sell at Farmer's Market at North Rosedale Park
3. Have one Vendor we have been talking to but open to more vendors if anyone has another connection. Joyce has one more option Larissa will talk to. Josh said we could go to an online vendor - Larissa said we would have to pay up front for that. Josh clarified that some of the vendors work in bulk, some are piece by piece ordering.
4. Ed shared about his shirt ideas separate from the fundraiser - Cora asked that he not compete with any fundraising. Larissa said we could offer a shirt with the classic logo and some new branding. Ed is doing this personally but this presents a sticky situation.
5. We do not have a copyright on our logo currently.
6. Carly asked if we run the risk of losing the logo if we don't have it copyrighted.

**B. Dues envelope - table for January in lieu of Robert's absence - send edits to Larissa and any feedback**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. -guests from GRDC and KIPD to talk about their new fund program (does GCA want to apply?)**

1. Krystal mentioned the lots that Diane has brought up for purchasing so we could partner with GRDC

**B. -2022 priorities/events for Grandmont and the association discussion**

1. Send event ideas/calendar year at a glance ideas to Samantha
2. Anyone can send ideas, but definitely want committees to submit ideas for events they are planning

**X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 11:58AM**

**NEXT MEETING: January 8, 2021 at 10AM**