

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

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: May 7, 2022 TIME: 10 AM PLACE: Zoom
May 2022 AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:03 AM

II. Board Members Present: Edward Smith, Ethel Smith, Robert Patterson, Josh Engle, Larissa Richardson, Samantha Bonaparte, Diane Patterson, Krystal Thurmond, Cora Duncan-Foster

Board Members Absent: Joyce Tatum

Committee Chairs / Community Members Present: James Liddell, Jenise Collins, Kevin Johnson, Debra McIntosh-Parnell, Kristina Christian, Akeya Murphy, Carla Smith, Sandi Miller

III. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ethel moved to approve the minutes, Cora seconded.

IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Business Meeting in July - and Elections at the same time. If you are interested or you know someone who is interested, please have them reach out to Larissa and Cora for the 2022 elections so we can get their information. Immediately afterward we will be filling the officer roles.
2. Movie in the Park with GRDC on June 18
3. Remind folks to pay dues

B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Submit a short Bio to Larissa or Cora by May 10 (Cora, Robert, Josh, Ethel, Diane, and Ed are all up for reelection)
2. Shared information distributed at Grandmont Patrol #4 meeting about squatters and that ordinance that is relevant.
- 3.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. March Income to checking (dues in the form of PayPal balance, Checks, Savings transfers from prepaid dues, checks from ad revenue for Grandmonitor, and \$200 scholarship donation to savings) Final balance as of 3/31/22 Checking: \$4439.37, Savings \$6191.63
2. March expenses: final snow service payment, Grandmonitor expenses, Post Office Box cost, Checking balance: \$3916.27; Savings \$6191.63
3. Check for Sandi -Grandmonitor editor on March 12 \$150 has not been cashed
4. May 6, 2022 balances: Savings: \$6,282.65; Checking \$3,980.72

1. Distributed to board members prior to meeting

D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 130 memberships for 2022 so far, PayPal balance is \$550.00 this is of 5/7/22

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):

A. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (Jomo King): no report

B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson): Motor City Makeover next weekend - more information to come but we will be cleaning up along Grand River, cleaning up planters for June Flower Day

C. ENVIRONMENTAL/VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (Harrison Duke III & Diane Patterson):

1. Diane Patterson:

1. Asphalt Plant Hearing May 17
2. Met with BSEED inspector Derek Brown - all complaints need to go through D1 Neighborhood liaisons Karla Williamson and Kya Robertson

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3. Community Garden and Mural damage occurred - suggest that we meet with them if possible to talk about maintenance, etc. - Larissa will try to find a contact
 4. New Business: New Food Truck Ordinance
 5. New Business: Vibrant Blocks Program
 6. New Business: GRDC May 16th inaugural Business Association Meeting. Contact Chelsea Salame @ chelsea@grandmontrosedale.com for more information. I did email Chelsea to see if Grandmont businesses were included- and sent her a list of some business addresses in Grandmont to consider.
 7. New Business: Grandmont needs to be registered as a Neighborhood Association- Block Club ASAP with D1 Department of Neighborhoods. May 1 opened the request for community flowers - but **only** will be available to registered communities who complete the online form for Karla or Kya.
- 2.
- D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller):**
1. Need articles in early, please! Sandi has limited time to create the Grandmonitor. June articles by 12th of May!
 2. Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster): 395 debts collectible from March / April
- E. GRDC (Jomo King/Kevin Johnson):** Kevin reported that the new director of GRDC is starting in a couple of weeks - name not released just yet but he is from the neighborhood/area, Charlotte Wright left the board and Carla Smith will be replacing her for Grandmont on the GRDC! Farmer's Market starting up in June at the North Rosedale Park Community House, working on the apartment building funding at the old IHOP, June gathering at the Parklet-Block Party on June 18, 11-3 (20 vendors, food trucks, music) GRDC Workplace sign updated
- F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith):** Thank you to everyone who came out for the annual clean-up at Ramsay Park. The city has come to cut the grass, we are on a 14-day rotation cutting the grass, garbage removal, and weed whacking. Attending Zoom meetings with the city park planning engineers - Ed would like a better playscape and newer equipment for the park. Let Ed know if there are events so he can assist with getting maintenance completed. Hoping to extend invites to the Edison school community to help with future clean-ups at Ramsay Park.
- G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):**
1. 198 applications were given out to 42 Block Clubs, Neighborhood Associations, and Community Councils at the Rippling Hope Meeting. All were picked up and expected to be returned by Monday, May 2. I received 17 applications for Grandmont Community Association. I gave the applications out to those residents that were supposed to be serviced in 2020. Also, I gave applications to those that asked for an application early this 2022 year and to residents that have volunteered throughout the year. All of the completed applications have been submitted to Rev. Carl Zerweck, Executive Director, Rippling Hope. The next biggest need is to get the assessments done on homes so that Rippling Hope Staff can determine the scope of work on each home. This will begin on May 2. I have volunteered to help assess the homes in Grandmont Community Association. It basically involves confirming the items selected on homeowner's applications, and what is required in terms of supplies and materials so home repair can be planned accordingly. We will try to spend 10-15 minutes at each home. At this moment, Rippling Hope Staff is looking at approximately 200 volunteers to serve this summer. Some will volunteer for a day or two and some for 5 days.
- H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):**
1. Now, the scholarship total is \$1,705.35. Rayana Reno and Vivica Addrow are Grandmont graduating seniors. They did receive a scholarship application. The scholarship committee will meet soon to discuss logistics.
 2. Donations are always accepted. Please mail to Grandmont Community Association Attention: Scholarship, P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, MI 48227
- I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum): no report**

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J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):

1. 8 cards have been sent for Sunshine
2. CJ's Catering is no longer our caterer - seeking another, or food trucks may come. If we don't have a replacement, we will have lowered costs. There's a new ordinance where a permit is needed for food trucks at special events.
3. Seeking Volunteers for the Annual Meeting - will have a meeting for Volunteers in June
4. Seeking funds for the garden tour

K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Jibreel Tatum):

L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Jenise Collins):

1. Welcome Back to Ethel Smith as a member of the Y&E Committee! A revised budget was submitted to the Treasurer for review. Articles were submitted for inclusion in The May Grandmonitor. Content included Reading in Ramsay Park. School Supplies/Backpack Drive and a follow-up DAPCEP article by Dr. DeLean Tolbert. Information was submitted to Cody and Renaissance high schools informing students of the opportunity to volunteer at the Reading in Ramsay Park event. Continuing to plan for future events. The committee invited the Assistant Principal of Edison to attend this meeting.

2. SAVE the DATE/ Upcoming Events

School Supplies & Backpack Giveaway

August

Time: TBD

Ramsay Park

Hat and Glove Drive

November 19

Time: 10am to 2pm

Ramsay Park

3. The next meeting will take place on May 14 at 10 am via Zoom. Please reach out for zoom link info.

M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. WEBSITE (vacant):

2. SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte): no report

VI. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS: Robert Moved to accept reports Krystal seconded

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Kristina Christian 313-433-5756 is the assistant principal of Edison came to sit-in and introduce
- B. Akeya Murphy is the Principal of Edison email is akeya.murphy@detroitk12.org (248) 229-4121.
- C. Ethel asked when the Library will be reopened - hopefully in the middle of May.
- D. Cora asked if anyone knew about the St. Vincent DePaul - Darryl Brown owns that block of buildings according to Diane Patterson

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Krystal asked who is responsible for the dues blitz - the Block Captain/Street Captain committee needed. Ethel and Cora are willing to assist
- B. Krystal asked about Flower Day - we are registered as a community, and we pick up flowers in early June.

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IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Krystal seeking funds for Garden Tour. Krystal needs \$320 for the Garden tour and \$300 for Annual Meeting already approved

B. June Grandmonitor Printing

1. Cora suggested that we have a printed Grandmonitor in June

2. Robert moved that we have a printed Grandmonitor - Krystal seconded. All in favor

C. Zoom or in-person meeting in June? Ethel moved for in-person, and Ed seconded. All in favor.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Robert moved, Krystal seconded. 11:50 AM Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: June 4, 2022, at 10 AM