

BYLAWS

OF THE

Grandmont Community Association

(A Michigan Non - Profit Corporation)

As Adopted January 28, 1981

Amended April 11, 2015

“DETROIT’S HOME OF GOOD NEIGHBORS”

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MISSION STATEMENT

(From the Articles of Incorporation of the Grandmont Community Association)

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

“Preservation of the physical appearance of the neighborhood, enhancement of the quality of life and security of the residents, promotion of quality schools, civic education of the residents and promotion of cooperation and understanding between all of the residents, the community businesses and all governmental entities.

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: The members of this Association shall be dues paying persons, natural or corporate, and owners of lots in the area known as the “**GRANDMONT COMMUNITY**” (**GCA**). Boundaries are Grand River to the North, Southfield Road to the West, Schoolcraft to the South and Asbury Park to the East. “Owners” for this purpose shall include sole owners, joint tenants, tenants in common, land contract purchasers, lessees, mortgagors and tenants at will.

SECTION 2: Any eligible person may make application to the Grandmont Community Association for admission to membership. Each member, upon acceptance of the application, agrees to support and abide by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this Association as they may be now, or be hereafter, adopted or amended. Application for membership shall be effective when accepted by the Treasurer of the Association; a membership card will be issued. Whenever a member ceases to be an “Owner” of property in the Grandmont Community, their membership in the Association shall automatically terminate and the membership will be transferred to the new “Owners” for that year.

SECTION 3: Anyone elected or charged by the **GCA** with records, resources, funds, or responsibilities-must be a member of the **GCA**.

SECTION 4: Voting rights shall be extended to all adult members of dues paying households only. Adult members shall be defined as household members who are at least **18** years of age.

SECTION 5: Honorary memberships, without voting rights, may be extended to individuals’ businesses who wish to pay dues and support the Association.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The Annual Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held in the month of April of each year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board. Written or printed notices of the time, place and purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be delivered to members at the address on record of the Association at least thirty (**30**) days prior to the date of the meeting.

SECTION 2: Special Meetings:

- A. Special Meetings of the Association may be called any time by the President or by a majority of the Board.
- B. Special Meetings shall be called by the President or Board upon written request signed by not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Association.
- C. The Secretary shall give at least ten (10) days written or printed notice of the time, place and purpose of any Special Meeting and delivery of such notice to such address of the member shown upon the records of the Association.

SECTION 3: Each member as defined in Article I shall be entitled to one vote which shall be cast in person at the Annual or other Special Meeting.

SECTION 4: Fifty (50) adult members of the Association who are present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of any meeting.

SECTION 5: Notices of meeting dates, places, purposes and any agendas or recommended Bylaw changes printed in the Grandmonitor shall constitute official notification of such proceedings if delivered within the specified time requirements.

SECTION 6: All meetings of the Association and the Board shall be conducted under the rules and regulations set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, and will be open to all members of the Association.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors, hereafter called the Board, shall consist of ten (10) members of the Association. Five (5) are to be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the Association for a term of two (2) years thereafter or until their successors shall be elected or appointed. One additional member may be appointed annually for a term of one (1) year by the combined elected incoming and outgoing Board in recognition of his/her long standing contributions to the Grandmont Community.

SECTION 2: The Board shall establish procedures for elections and fill vacancies on the Board, whether occasioned by death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise within one month from the date the vacancy occurs.

SECTION 3: Meetings:

- A. The newly constituted Board shall meet as soon as possible following the Annual Meeting to elect officers, set a meeting schedule and establish committees.
- B. The Board shall meet monthly at a time and place agreed upon by the Board.
- C. Special Board meetings shall be held whenever called by the President or four (4) members of the Board.
- D. The Secretary shall give at least three (3) days' notice to each member of the Board of such meetings.
- E. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and all matters may be decided by a majority of those present.

SECTION 4: The Board shall have the power to appoint or discharge the Officers and Directors of the Association for such cause as the Board may consider sufficient by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. Actions that are determined to be improper, immoral, illegal or a violation of civil law shall be considered sufficient to justify the discharge of Officers or Directors.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The Board shall elect annually at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting, from among their own number, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2: The officers shall perform such duties that are incidental to such officers or as may be required by the Board and these By Laws.

SECTION 3: No contracts, either written or verbal, shall be entered into by any Officer, Board Member or Committee Chair without the authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The Standing Committees of the Association shall be as follows: Street and Block Captains Committee; Membership and Credentials Committee; Environmental and City Services Committee; Neighborhood Safety Committee; Social Committee; Neighborhood Beautification Committee, Education and Youth Committee; Finance Committee; Grandmonitor Committee; Art Fair Committee; Nominations and Election Committee.

SECTION 2: Special Committees shall be appointed when necessary to carry out the special needs of the community. These may include: Art Fair Committee, Home and Garden Tour Committee, Flower Sale Committee, etc.

SECTION 3: The President, with the advice of the Board, may accept volunteers and/or appoint members and Chairs of Standing and Special Committees. Members of such committees shall be drawn from the general membership and it is not required that there be a member of the Board on any Standing or Special Committee.

SECTION 4: Committees will be required to submit reports and receipts on a monthly basis to the Board.

SECTION 5: Committee chairpersons must obtain the Board's approval for any expenditure over \$50.00 in any one month or to exceed the approved budget for the year.

SECTION 6: At the conclusion of any **GCA** event that requires the collection of funds, those funds shall be counted, verified and documented by at least two (2) members of the Association.

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP DUES

SECTION 1: The Annual Dues shall be an amount recommended from year to year by the Board and approved by a majority of the members present at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association. Dues will become payable on the dates fixed by the Board.

SECTION 2: No dues money will be paid to any member, officer or committee person for time volunteered unless hired by a vote of the Board to fulfill professional services needed to carry out **GCA** activities.

SECTION 3: No **GCA** member, officer, or committee member shall vote on any expenditure which may be considered a conflict of interest between personal and community goals.

ARTICLE VII – RECORDS

SECTION 1: The Secretary of the **GCA** shall keep a log of all minutes of the **GCA** and its Board.

SECTION 2: The Vice-President shall maintain a log of all approved motions, including a separate policy and procedure section, as a guide to further Board action.

SECTION 3: All motions acted upon by the Board shall be printed in the Grandmonitor within two publications.

SECTION 4: The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Board at its monthly meetings, to the membership at the regular quarterly and Annual Meetings, and the Treasurer's records will be audited annually. The scope of the audit shall be determined by the Board.

SECTION 5: All Officers, members of the Board, and Committee Chairs shall turn over all official records, notebooks, documents and other **GCA** materials to their successors upon leaving office.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1: These Bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

SECTION 2: Recommended Bylaw changes shall accompany written or printed notices of such meetings.

ARTICLE IX – FAIR AND ETHICAL PRACTICES

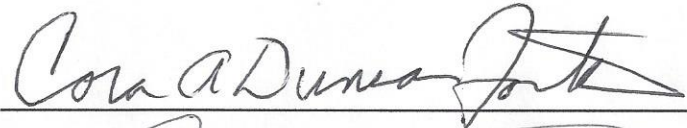
SECTION 1: There will be no discrimination on the basis of race, creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual preference, marital status, height, weight, or physical handicap in any membership, hiring, activity or event run or sponsored by the **GCA**.

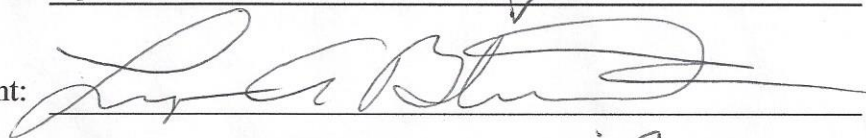
SECTION 2: Officers and Board Members shall abstain from voting on any matters which will promote or enrich themselves or family members or otherwise be deemed a conflict of interest.

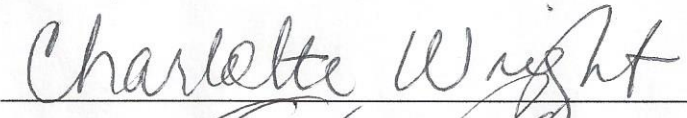
SECTION 3: The Association may not endorse or promote any candidate for political office, although it may hold "Candidates' Forums" to allow office seekers to express their views on issues and their candidacies.

BY-LAWS OF THE GRANDMONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, cont'd:

As witnessed by the Officers of the Board of Directors on the 11th day of April, 2015:

President: Cora Duncan-Foster: 

Vice-President: Lorenzo Blount: 

Secretary: Charlotte Wright: 

Treasurer: Robert Patterson: 

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