

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

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**GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DATE:** January 8, 2022    **TIME:** 10AM    **PLACE:** Zoom  
**January 2022 Minutes**

- I. CALL TO ORDER: Call to order at 10:04am**
- II. Board Members Present: Edward Smith, Ethel Smith, Cora Duncan-Foster, Robert Patterson, Josh Engle, Larissa Richardson, Samantha Bonaparte, Diane Patterson, Krystal Thurmond**
- Board Members Absent: Joyce Tatum**
- Committee Chairs / Community Members Present: Carly and Alex Adams, Sandi Miller, Harrison Duke, Jenise Collins and Justin, DTE reps: Julie Jozwiak, Bryan Valrance, Prem Kavalath, Robert Ford, Brandon Francis, Jonathan Wilson, Emil Ebona, Elise Rowin**
- III. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Cora moved to accept the minutes Krystal accepted**
- IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS:**
- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** DTE Representatives sharing about rates/upgrades to systems to begin our meeting. Will invite them back for another meeting. Joined a meeting with GRDC and other neighborhood presidents to learn about updates and changes in programming with GRDC.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
1. I received a call from Josie McQuiston and Tommie Obioha both from Sidewalk Detroit. Sidewalk Detroit is the organization that puts on the Artist Village Festival on Lahser Street. They mentioned that the IHop on Grand River will be demolished. A thirty-six to forty unit senior housing will be developed. The first floor will have restaurants and three communal rooms. The upper floors are for the senior units. Over the last month or so they have interviewed several residents across Grandmont Community Association, North Rosedale Improvement Association, Rosedale Park, Minock Park, and Grandmont 1 for a dynamic GRDC Neighborhood Advisory Council. The council will attend four meetings, explore/inform the community, can influence the overall design, and use of the space within the proposed development. I was asked many interview questions. One question was most interesting. What is missing in the Grandmont Community? My answer was: retail stores, a sit-down restaurant, a neighborhood theater, and our own Grandmont Community Meeting Building. I was approved to be a member of this advisory council.
  2. Stephanie A. Young's Community Conversation will discuss the New State House Districts, on Zoom, Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am. She will explain what happened when the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission changed the State Map.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Behind on formal Treasurer's report Basic Figures only**
1. **December Report Savings: 6309.20; Checking: 7865.47 (October 31) January Report Savings: 6,927.38 Checking: \$5518.71 (as of November 30) Current statement: December 30 Savings 7,077.33 Checking: 3,553.51**
- D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No Report**
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):**
- A. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (Jomo King): no report**
- B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson): On pause until April - planning for a garden tour in the summer**
- C. ENVIRONMENTAL/VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (Harrison Duke III & Diane Patterson):**
1. Environmental Report: During the winter months our committee traditionally does not get a lot of notices or communications for residents. We as a committee often issue Code Violations for obvious infractions, visible during drive by within the community. Not aware of any Code Violations regarding residents not raking their leaves before winter/snow. A

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number of community residents did not rake their lawns this year possibly due to changing weather conditions; cold, rain, wind, etc. Educate the community about the fact that the leaves should be raked to prevent squirrels using them as homes.

2. **VPTF: Upcoming Event:** \$5.00 Rose Sale (Valentine's Day) VPTF FUNDRAISER - (flier & info in the Jan 2022 Grandmonitor), Also order form available online through GRDC Website.
  3. Approximately 18 houses in Grandmont for sale (\$84-\$300K) and Approximately 9 houses recently sold (\$75-\$257K)
  4. Commercial truck parking still a concern and looking into Grand River / Asbury Park property developments with parking lot and fencing in the alleyway
- D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller):** New business item regarding future printing of Grandmonitor vs. online. We can just lower the amount of copies to perhaps 900. We also can just send folks who work with our community an electronic copy. Cora reminded us that we have an obligation for the ads. Sandi said we might be able to cut the size of the Grandmonitor down to lower cost. Think about a reduced version that is not printed but emailed for February.
1. **Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster): no report**
- E. GRDC (Jomo King/Charlotte Wright): final stages of choosing their next Executive Director**
- F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith): city did salt on the sidewalks by the apartment buildings, noticing that the trash pick up has been helped out by Krystal and says thanks! Inquiring about a portable that is burned out.**
- G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):** Free paint, cat litter and dog food available  
Distribution is the first Tuesday of each month from Noon-2:00 pm. The second day is the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 am-Noon.
- H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):** The Scholarship Committee appreciates all donations! Now, the GCA Scholarship Total is \$1,505.35. At this time the scholarship will be strictly from private donations from residents and friends. Donations are always accepted. Please mail to Grandmont Community Association Attention: Scholarship, P.O. Box 27790, Detroit, MI 48227
- I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum):** Shots fired on New Years, Speed Hump/speeding concerns, Quarterly Radio Patrol meeting on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at 10 am with special guest Detroit Police Chief
- J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):** Krystal shared her thanks for help with the Appreciation Drive By to Joyce, Ethel, Cora and Larissa! Krystal shared her report of the Holiday Appreciation. Sharing her expenses for the event. Need to be reimbursed \$587.07. Shared her new date for the Annual Business Meeting Possibly July 9 if not in June
- K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Jibreel Tatum):** Printer is having trouble with cost of paper and supply chain so there may be delays in future. Need to discuss how many Grandmonitors we actually need to print
- L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Jenise Collins):** Hat and Glove Drive Update: 700 items donated to local schools in December! Thank you for your generous donations!
1. Youth Spotlight in Grandmonitor: The Y&E Committee would like to highlight youth and youth organizations that are doing outstanding things in our community in The Grandmonitor. If you would like to submit information about outstanding youth or youth organizations, please forward that information to [gcayouthandeducation@gmail.com](mailto:gcayouthandeducation@gmail.com)
  2. Next meeting of the committee is Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10am via Zoom.
- M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**
1. **WEBSITE (vacant):** Have advertised for new webmaster in Grandmonitor and on Facebook
  2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte):** Really growing in follows/likes to page! Over 300! My goal is to have at least one post each week either highlighting an event (upcoming or past) or just sharing community information, celebrating holidays. Please continue to send any photos, flyers or other information my way! 2022 Calendar is live and I welcome all events.

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- VI. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:** Cora moved to accept, Krystal second. Adopted by common consent
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- A. DTE Representatives:** Julie Jozwiack is regional relations for DTE in the city of Detroit and she has come to share about the gas line upgrades. Met team members who work with restoration work after pipes have been repaired/installed, communications specialists and other experts. Shared the scope of 2022 work from Fenkell to Greenfield to Southfield Freeway and the Jeffries FWY. This will change out the gas lines and upgrade them and move gas meters from inside homes to outside homes. DTE is taking all Covid-19 precautions. Order of operations: Sewer inspection, Miller Pipeline will do Gas Main Installation, DTE will do Meter relocation, Service Line Upgrades and Main Retirement, finally Property Restoration. There will be signage showing that the contractors are working with DTE. Will communicate via letters, door hangers, dedicated websites and phone lines 313-270-9240 (M-F, 8am-4pm) for this project. <http://dteenergy.com/gasrenewalmaps> Julie also showed pictures of the project from her neighborhood in East English Village. Sprinklers can get damaged in the process but the restoration team will work to repair. Starting on Archdale and moving West to East.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**
- A. GCA fundraising - GCA paraphernalia update?** - talked to Rosedale park to find out good vendors- more updated in February
- B. Dues envelope - revisit in February**
- C. Payment/Thank you for Sandi revisit in February**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Social Planning request for Krystal to be reimbursed. Cora moved to reimburse, Samantha seconded.** Need to be reimbursed \$587.07. Robert is not done with the expense report. We went back to review minutes from November to confirm budgets and amounts. Robert said we can approve for \$267.50. Cora moved to amend the motion to reimburse Krystal for \$267.50, Diane seconded. Approved by common consent.
- B. Cora moved to extend the meeting past 12pm, Samantha seconded.**
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Cora Moved to adjourn, Krystal seconded Meeting Adjourned at 12:29 PM
- NEXT MEETING: February 5, 2021 at 10AM**