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**GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: June 4, 2022      TIME: 10 AM      PLACE: Ramsay Park  
June 2022 Minutes

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:13am**
- II. Board Members Present: Ethel Smith, Robert Patterson, Josh Engle, Larissa Richardson, Samantha Bonaparte, Diane Patterson, Krystal Thurmond, Joyce Tatum, Cora Duncan-Foster, Edward Smith (late)**
- Board Members Absent: none**
- Committee Chairs / Community Members Present: Sandi Rideaux-Miller, Janice Roshell, Sharon Shaw, Yolanda L. Burnett, Amos Bush**
- III. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: changed Treasurers report line 4 Joyce moved to approve, Cora seconded**
- IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS:**
- A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Reminders elections for GCA Board will be held July 9, 2022. 5 spots open and right now there are 5 people running (Robert Patterson, Diane Patterson, Yolanda Burnett, Cora Duncan-Foster, Ed Smith) Directly after we will have board elections. Potentially have a meeting prior to the next meeting to select officers. Encouraged participation in all events happening to support community and volunteers! Kya Robertson is for District 5. Karla Williamson is only contact for D1 now.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** City Council President Pro Tem James Tate's District 1 Meeting was held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Gary Brown, Director, Detroit Water & Sewage Department, was one of his speakers. Gary brown discussed how the Detroit Water and Sewage Department endorses American Water Resources to offer Detroit homeowners a discount on the Water Line and Sewer Line Protection Program. For a low monthly fee of \$7.95, AWR will give the homeowner full protection by replacing a broken water or sewage line at no extra cost. If either of these lines breaks, you, the homeowner, is responsible for the repair. The cost could be as much as \$10,000 - \$12,000. You should have your plumber put a camera in your system to check if there is a problem. If you have a problem, then you call American Water Resources. This is a warranty. AWR will repair the problem, put back the lawn, and fix your sprinkler system. Again, there is no cost to you, if you have this protection. Phone Gary Brown if you have questions @ 313-224-4701. Diane shared that the all district meeting will have a representative from this on this coming Monday, June 6.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Robert doesn't have a printed report this month. Needs to make sure that things are all correct with the bank and his records. As of June 3: Savings \$6503.72; Checking \$4,420.72
- D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** \$672.55 in PayPal Account, Memberships for 2022: 140
- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):**
- A. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (Jomo King):** no report - possibly might have a Grandmont stroll and bike roll event
- B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson):** Picked up flowers from flower day today - will be planting at planters/community beds. Beautification committee still doing Curb Appeal nominations each month! Plant whenever you'd like to! Garden Tour in Grandmont Rosedale communities in July - tickets are on sale.
- C. ENVIRONMENTAL/VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (Harrison Duke III & Diane Patterson):**
- 1. Harrison Duke:** absent-no report
  - 2. Diane Patterson:** 2 homes on Archdale and Asbury Park have squatters - working through Sgt. Gilbert and Improve Detroit App. Got Brian Ferguson involved as well. Submitted 3 houses to GRDC for information for Karla to check (Abington/Schoolcraft, Asbury Park/Schoolcraft, Asbury Park/Kendall) structural concerns/building. Some long grass issues and looking for lawn services to help residents. Welcome packets given out. Gave

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Annie Holt (police commission) information about truck parking on lawns. Open house coming for 13925 Archdale house this month. Working to have a garage on that property as well. Community garden (behind White Castle/Bushnell) works every Saturday at 10AM and Wednesdays at 6PM. Cora thanked Josh for organizing clean up on Schoolcraft after accident.

**D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller):**

1. Final touches on Grandmonitor for June - out for review and then to printer. Please send items of substance not just Save the Date items

2. **Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster): no report**

**E. GRDC (Jomo King/Kevin Johnson/Carla Smith):** new executive director Michael Randall, lots of events coming up Grand Parklet Ribbon Cutting, Juneteenth block party and events,

**F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith):** No report from Ed, but Larissa shared that on Motor City Makeover date we did some weeding and clean up on Grand River

**G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):**

1. I gave 16 completed Rippling Hope Free Home Repair Applications to Rev. Carl Zerweck, Executive Director, Rippling Hope. I phoned all of our residents to setup the time and date of their assessment. All of the 16 residents received their assessment from a Rippling Hope Staff. The assessments confirm the items selected on the homeowners application, what is required in terms of supplies and materials so home repair can be planned accordingly.

2. Each association or block club was asked to donate a dinner for the volunteers. I will ask each resident to donate a food item for the dinner. Our date for the dinner is Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. I haven't received the date for Grandmont's free home repair service. When I receive the date, I will notify the 16 residents.

3. Rippling Hope has paint, dog food, cat food and cat litter available. All are free! This program is available to all Grandmont Community Association Residents every month, all year! Make sure to tell the distributor that you are a GCA Resident. Distribution is the first Tuesday of each month from Noon-2:00pm. The second day is the first Saturday of each month from 10:00am-Noon. Location is the Rippling Hope Mission Center, 12801 Joy, corner of Joy & Appoline Streets, Detroit, MI 48204. Phone (512) 619-0575 for questions.

**H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):**

1. The May Scholarship Fund Total was \$1,705.35. We received donations from Ethel Smith (\$100), Sandi Rideaux-Miller (\$100), and Edison Elementary School (\$100). Now, the scholarship total is \$2,005.35. We appreciate all donations from all our Friends of Grandmont.

2. With the assistance from Jocelyn Moss, Grandmont Rosedale Development Corporation Operations Manager/Book Keeper, I have solicited a \$5,000 scholarship donation from Meijer. Also, she assisted me with the GoFundMe Page Process. Now, I have a GoFundMe for scholarship donations. My goal is \$10,000. Robert is concerned about having money that we cannot spend.

**I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum):** received calls from residents about the mini-bikes/dirt bikes and has forwarded concern to Sheriff Washington. Reports of a car sitting in front of a home on Woodmont, Recruiting people for Radio Patrol - 3 more applicants

**J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):**

1. Annual meeting July 9 - Y&E will be at one end of the park and Annual Meeting on Sidewalk/berm with tents. There will be food trucks - Larissa will help. Robert shared his opinion on Food Trucks.

2. Looking for volunteers - Thursday will be volunteer meeting but Krystal will be in touch

3. Provided dinner for Rippling Hope on behalf of Grandmont

4. Committee Reports - due soon

5. Asked if we can meet with other associations Presidents - share events amongst the communities - Cora will also share media releases

6. Movie in the Park on June 25 at Ramsay Park at 8:45pm

7. Will have a survey for residents - paper and take at the Annual meeting and plan to

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make it into a google form

8. Garage Sale questions some people liked coming to the park to sell, some people liked being at their homes. Rosedale Park has their own - June 25 weekend

9. one more candidate possibly?

K. **STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Jibreel Tatum):** one resident on Archdale no longer able to be block captain and Southfield - Donald and Jibreel helping out there. Still need to correct the amount of printed Grandmonitors. All Block Captain meeting needs to happen soon- details TBD! Dues blitz in the works.

L. **YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Jenise Collins):**

1. Articles were submitted for the June *Grandmonitor*. For the July *Grandmonitor*, we plan to ask residents to submit content for the *Youth Spotlight* about their graduating high school and/or college graduates and include information for Family Fun Day/Back to School Supplies/Backpack Giveaway event.

2. *Reading in Ramsay Park/Youth Expo* Press releases, distribution of flyers, as well as social media posts, will begin in early June. Vendors are being confirmed for the Youth Expo. Donations of school supplies and backpacks ARE NEEDED! Please contribute!! We are in need of volunteers for event set-up and teardown. To sweeten the deal, we will have donuts, fruit, and snacks for anyone who volunteers that day.

3. *Family Fun Day/Back to School Supplies & Backpack Giveaway*: The event will take place, August 20, 2022 from 10 am to 1pm at Ramsay Park. Donations and volunteers are needed!

4. Next meeting Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 10 am at Ramsay Park. In case of rain, we will meet via Zoom.

M. **SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

1. **WEBSITE (vacant):**

2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte): no report**

VI. **ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS:** Cora moved to accept, Robert seconded

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A. **Diane said maybe we should have public comment/visitors share first - rework agenda (allow for new neighbor welcome, share concerns for given amount of time)**

B. **Josh addressed that the cost of snow removal might mean we need to rethink that because of fuel costs. Speedhumps causing issues for snow removal.**

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. none

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Possibility for board meeting prior to August 6, 2022 to select officers for GCA Board**

1. **Discussion about having a special meeting**

2. **Special meeting to have executive positions selected with newly elected board.**

B. **zoom vs. in person or combination for August meeting Cora moved that we meet at the park Ethel seconded. Attempt to have zoom too**

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- C. Sandi: Grandmonitor in August get printed ? Cora moved to have August grandmonitor printed, krystal seconded - all in favor**
  - D. Josh wants to record all meetings from here on out. Robert seconded it. Krystal mentioned the audio piece being challenging. Zoom can record Sandi shared that - everyone has to consent to it being recorded. 2 in favor 7 opposed.**
- X. ADJOURNMENT: Cora moved to adjourn at 11:59pm**
- NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2022 is Annual Meeting - August 6, 2022, next board meeting**