

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

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: November 7, 2020 **TIME:** 10AM **PLACE:** Zoom

November 2020 AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:01am

Board Members In Attendance: Charity Dean, Larissa Richardson, Robert Patterson, Samantha Bonaparte, Krystal Thurmond, Cora Duncan-Foster, Ottumn Kennedy, Ed Smith

Community Members/Committee Chairs: Mark Janusch, Mark McCrae, Jenise Collins, Carman Brandon, Garnetta Stokes, Diane Patterson, Sandra Rideaux, Justin Jozwiak

Board Members Not Present: Sean Novak, Josh Engel, Ethel Smith

II. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- A. October minutes approved
- B. last names in minutes for clarity

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Congrats! to new board members!
2. Discussion of 11th member and verifying we have correct amount of board members. appointed member is 1 yr appointed. Samantha Bonaparte plans to run in next term.
3. President nominations: Cora was nominated by Krystal, Cora did not accept
 - Charity nominated by Krystal, Robert seconded
 - Cora moved that we nominate Charity as president, accepted
 - Larissa nominated to be vice president by Krystal, approved
 - Samantha nominated to be Secretary by Cora and Ottumn- approved
 - Robert nominated to be Treasurer, approved

We are in a second wave of the Coronavirus- please be careful and mindful.

Thank you to Krystal, Cora and Larissa for elections and the community connection in a safe way.

Block Party put on by Josh Engel on Halloween-great display of community.

B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Thankful for safety and the turnout of the elections.
2. Dues collection- over \$500 raised!
3. Sandra Miller-Rideaux is new Grandmonitor Editor!

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

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1. Thank you for re-election to board and position.
2. \$ 560 collected in dues and donation at Elections
3. Ending September 30th
 1. income: savings \$7,589.50 checking: \$2,472.94
 2. deposits: many
 3. transfer from PayPal to savings in August-transferred to checking account.
\$3,900.17 in checking 9/28
 4. Reserves: 2 paid for 2021, 1 paid for 2022
 5. PayPal subtraction of \$119.40
 6. \$300 scholarship amount to savings
 7. Savings account interest 1.11
 8. Fee- Bank service \$5
 9. Outstanding \$1000 check for Scholarship recipient
 10. 9/30 Ending balances
 11. Savings \$6,743.98
 12. checking \$3,805.17
 13. Most recent figures: 10/30 Checking: \$3,505.17 Savings: \$5,823.98
 14. Larissa asked about the first payment for Snow Service and the flexibility (\$4,500 in all - 3 installments) of paying as needed rather than paying for if there is no snow. We want to continue the service.
 15. Ed feels it is a good idea to ask if he will do as-needed, but it may be unlikely. The price is only going to go up for this service.
 16. Larissa also asked if Robert could send reports to the board so we can have the numbers in front of us.
 17. Krystal echoed the need to ask on an as-needed basis

D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report provided by Charlotte, but some information from previous reports.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):

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

B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson): Thank you to Diane Patterson and Josh Engel for their help with the benches at Bus Stops! They are beautiful.

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

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1. Diane reporting under Environmental: cars being parked on lawns on Southfield/parking on the berm - informed NPO and sent letters.
2. NPO responded to a basketball hoop in the street on Archdale/Tournier
3. Speeding cars

D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller/Rideaux):

1. First Online Grandmonitor went live in October
2. Welcome! Sandi is excited to work with volunteers to help her with the Grandmonitor. New timeline-2nd friday of the month deadline for articles, 4th monday of the month with other editors, board will have 2 days to review - after that send it to copier, website, and Grandmont Network, 12 page minimum up to 16 pages
3. smiller@grandmontcommunity.org to submit!

E. GRDC (Jomo King/Charlotte Wright):

no report

F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith):

no report

G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):

1. Rippling Hope- fundraisers \$1,150 for a new driveway, fence and shed at the center, garden provided much produce to the community near center and founder's home, lost \$6,000 in registration fees due to the pandemic, they have decided to apply for loan of up to \$25,000 and hope to get back up to speed in 2021

H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):

1. Spoke to Isis King - to check on the money making it to the account \$1,055.35 in the Scholarship account

I. SAFETY/SECURITY (James Liddel):

1. Cora shared that they are having Zoom meetings on Monday at 6pm for Grandmont Patrol, Janet will send out the minutes, trying to have people go back on patrol but keep people safe
2. Asked that we have the zoom information to send out to publicize the meeting on Facebook, Email and NextDoor
3. Diane Patterson reported that Karla (D1 manager) said that there have been 3 break ins at Bushnell Church. Be aware and report when there are problems/crimes so police can be made aware. Ed shared that he has seen men sleeping over there at the double doors of the church.

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4. Suspected Vacant Property break in on Rutland reported - Cora spoke to the homeowner and they said it is not vacant. It was reported by Radio Patrol because the front door was wide open for hours and no car in the driveway. It was later determined workers were onsite.
5. October 21-22, foreclosure postings from 2018 and earlier. There are not supposed to be any for this year in all of Wayne county. Required to post them but there's a moratorium on foreclosures at this time (2020)

J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):

1. Election results-successful to collect dues and have early voting and have the election on election day!
2. Still need to have reports from committees on what they have been doing- Krystal will continue to follow up so we can post to website.
3. Discussion of Annual meeting in new business!

K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Yvonne Sanders & Ethel Smith):

1. no report but we are looking into if block captains are comfortable going door to door

L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Carla White-Smith):

1. no report

M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. **WEBSITE (Mark McCrae):** no report, but the Website is still there!
2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte):** Thank you for 55 likes on the Facebook page! Let's get to 100 by the end of 2020! Continuing to post weekly on Facebook and Nextdoor about various events and community happenings.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS

- A. Cora moved to accept. Ed seconded

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Carman Brandon introduced herself- she has lived on Ray Monnier/Rutland for 30 years, used to be involved as a block captain, looking to get involved again possibly.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Zoom cost
 1. Larissa is willing to continue to host through her account. Do we think we should create one for the community?

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2. Krystal feels we shouldn't make the cost permanent at this time
 3. Cora shared the Grandmont Patrol has their own account - made the investment
 4. Leave it as it is, perhaps donate to Larissa for being so generous with her account
 5. Privacy concerns - check in with Rosedale to see how its going for them to go live with meetings (Cora will contact current Rosedale park board president)
- B. Bylaws check in - provisions need to be made to address the emergency situations we find out
1. invite Lorenzo to next meeting
 2. Robert has been speaking with Lorenzo and they have some partial or preliminary language to amend 3 elements - alert community after emergency board meeting and tell membership of community of altered state - chance for renewal (4 months at a time), altered board functioning, grandmonitor distribution and election/annual meeting
 3. need to inform residents and ask for dues in the same mailing
 4. Asked Robert to send language to the board so we can review and discuss

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Annual meeting rethink

1. possibly having an outdoor annual meeting outdoors in June at Ramsay Park
2. GRDC can lend us equipment for outdoors!
3. Krystal moved to vote on June 2021 annual meeting. (exact date TBD-rain date) Cora seconds. Motion carries!

B. Meeting in December 2020

1. We will still have one since no holiday party this year.

C. D1 James Tate - community members who have passed can submit this to them Mary Mohammed is handling the coordination

1. Card is on the way for a passed away community member
2. tribute for lost neighbors in 2020 in Grandmonitor as idea for Sandi

D. Thoughts to celebrate/connect holidays car parade/bike roll and stroll?

1. Larissa will connect with Jomo

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Cora moved to adjourn Robert seconds 11:54

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2020 @ Zoom, 10 AM