

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

GRANDMONT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: April 10, 2021 **TIME:** 10AM **PLACE:** Zoom

April 2021 AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:04am

Board Members In Attendance: Samantha Bonaparte, Sean Novak, Ethel Smith, Charity Dean, Robert Patterson, Larissa Richardson, Josh Engle, Ed Smith, Krystal Thurmond, Ottumn Kennedy

Community Members/Committee Chairs: Sandi Miller, Anthony Adams, Ronald Norwood, Jenise and Justin Collins, Joyce Tatum, Diane Patterson, Kevin Johnson, Charlotte Wright, Harrison Duke, Carla White

Board Members Not Present: Cora Duncan Foster

II. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

A. Sean moves to accept, Ethel seconds

III. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TCF Opening on Grand River on Evergreen, Virtual House party with Mayor coming up. Weather getting warmer, but please be vigilant because cases are rising, Get vaccinated, stay masked, and meetings will remain virtual. (313) 230-0505 is the number to call to schedule an appointment for Vaccinations.

B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mask distribution nailed down soon and hopefully in May! Mobile vaccinations coming into our neighborhood! Larissa will share the Grandmont information network!

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Will share report of expenses and income for date ending 2/28/2021 Savings \$5208.21 and Checking: \$3760.55

1. After expenses for checking account, board training, Grandmonitor fees, website management and Youth and Education Committee Gloves/Scarves (\$631.54) Savings-- \$5208.21 and Checking-- \$3129.01
2. Most recent figures April 8th--Checking: \$3,848.87 Savings: \$5,419.10
3. Asking to change the budget amount of administrative support Government Fees/LARA/POB to \$200 annually and reduce Copies/Supplies/Stamps/Misc from \$300 to \$220 annually. This is due to a change in USPS Post Office Box fee happening in March 2022.

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D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Charlotte reports \$431.08 in Paypal Membership total as of April 2021: 136 memberships (100 shy of last year) 2022 (32 memberships paid)

1. Larissa asked if we could make an email list with just Grandmont residents based on the information we collect - Charlotte and Larissa will connect offline.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):

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

B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson): Meeting monthly on 2nd Tuesday of the month! April 13 at 6pm is our next meeting. Spring Cleanup at Ramsay Park with Ed Smith on May 1st after our board meeting (12pm) and doing some plantings. Beautification Committee fundraiser - Lorena is a Scentsy representative and we are hoping to fundraise to continue our efforts in the neighborhood and Chaney Library Bed.

1. April 17 Southfield Service Drive upcoming- Diane shared that District 1 is doing this.
2. Ed asked if it is advertised in the Grandmonitor - yes it is!
3. Krystal asked about other Fundraising ideas

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

1. Harrison followed up on some issues - Station on grand river - code violation for not cleaning up but there's some confusion about who is responsible for that lot. Some homes on Archdale and Southfield received warnings/violations for parking on the lawn. Lynora Little is the DHS District Manager for code violations.
2. Confused about Trash Pickup? 313-228-3284 is the number you can text to sign up for weekly reminders.
3. Concern about mopeds/mini bikes and safety surrounding that. There is a Wayne County ordinance but challenging to enforce.
4. Diane shared about how she is working with the Land Bank Attorney on about 4 houses.

D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller): Committee Meeting Next Saturday, April 17 to create a working manual for anyone to take over if need be!

1. Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster): no report

E. GRDC (Jomo King/Charlotte Wright): Kevin shared about the Easter Egg event at NRPCH, working on senior housing initiative at the old IHOP and to have small businesses to come in and sell their foods using the commercial kitchen, Farmers Market coming back in about 8 weeks (June)

F. RAMSAY PARK (Edward Smith): no report But Movie in the Park May 22

G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster): The Paint Program is reopened and now folks can also get free dog food and cat litter. The program is open on the **SECOND TUESDAY OR EACH MONTH FROM 12-2, AND THE SECOND SATURDAY**

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FROM 10-12. The address of our building is **12801 Joy Road**. Volunteers will be coming and will be fully vaccinated with lots of safety protocols in place.

H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster): Scholarship amount is currently \$1,055.35.

I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum): Radio Patrol is working with Wayne Co. Sheriff Washington and he has been a presence like he said he would. Brings a bus/cars to patrol with Radio Patrol - giving citations and tickets. NPO Childrey helped a woman living in her car on Longacre.

J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):

1. Sunshine Club sent out 37 cards as of March 2021
2. May 22 at Ramsay Park sponsored by GRDC Movie Night begins at Dusk- Other 4 associations will have monthly movie nights throughout the summer. There will be advertising for this event, including a banner at Ramsay Park. Needs Volunteers
3. Annual Meeting June 26 - 1pm at Ramsay Park
 1. Spending a bit more to get chairs and tables rented.
 2. Please notify Krystal of agenda items and guests
 3. \$7 per plate for members \$10 per plate for non-members
 4. Candidates information Friday, April 16. Start to advertise candidates and how to run in May Grandmonitor.
 5. Annual Report needed from Committee chairs
 6. Sean asked about COVID Precautions - mask required, sanitizing stations, (Ed has sanitizer to donate!)
 7. Inquiry about the meeting still being on Zoom will wi-fi work?
 8. Charity will help Krystal navigate permits, maybe people can bring their own chairs to help alleviate costs.
 9. Thoughts about mobile vaccination at the park
 10. Larissa and Sam will help advertise for Volunteers

K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Yvonne Sanders & Ethel Smith): Street and Block Captain meeting in the park soon otherwise they can use Zoom.

L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Carla White-Smith): **GCA Youth & Education Committee's next meeting will be virtual on April 17, 2021 @11:00-12:00pm. via Zoom**

1. Reading in Ramsay Park Tentative Dates: Saturday- May 22, 2021, June 5, 2021, or June 12, 2021.

1. Received Donated Books-100 from **Books for Kids** pickup date is April 22, 2021@ 10:30am.
2. Still accepting book donations!
3. Packaged Refreshments to go for participants.

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4. Food Truck- any suggested vendors

2. Online Tutoring--Online tutoring is in planning and will be offered to Grandmont Community and Edison Elementary students virtually for grades K-5 **Math and Reading**.

M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

1. **WEBSITE (Mark McCrae): no report**
2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte):** Getting Closer to 100 follows and/or likes on Facebook!

V. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS

A. Larissa moves to accept all reports. Sean seconds.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Candidate for Mayor, Anthony Adams spoke to GCA aa4@gmail.com to reach, and website <https://anthonyadamsformayor.com/>

B. Jomo would like to schedule a "slow roll and stroll" - stay tuned

C. Sean shared a reminder about the Social Hour held every Sunday

VII. OLD BUSINESS: none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Treasurer amendment to budget to deal with the change in costs of Post Office Box

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2. Robert moved to adopt the motion. Sean seconded. Motion carries with no objections to adjust the

B. Josh is moving to vote on deciding if we will meet virtually. Ottumn seconded.

1. motion passes to vote on whether or not to vote on this issue.

2. Take a vote at every meeting as to whether or not we will meet in person or virtually.

3. For each agenda from here on out, in the new business section we will vote on how we will hold our May meeting.

4. Sean moved that the May meeting is held virtually - Ottumn seconded. All in favor except Sean.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Larissa moved to adjourn, Ethel seconded. 11:45am

NEXT MEETING: May 1, 2021 at 10AM on Zoom