

**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:** May 1, 2021      **TIME:** 10AM      **PLACE:** Zoom

**May 2021 AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER: 10:07**

**Board Members In Attendance:** Samantha Bonaparte, Ethel Smith, Robert Patterson, Larissa Richardson, Josh Engle, Krystal Thurmond,

**Community Members/Committee Chairs:** Diane Patterson, James Liddel, Yolanda Burnett, Frieda, Jenise and Justin Collins, Jomo King, LaTondra,

**Board Members Not Present:** Charity Dean, Ed Smith, Ottumn Kennedy, Cora Duncan-Foster, Sean Novak,

**II. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

**A. no motion to accept minutes, try later in meeting or next meeting**

**III. CHANGES TO / ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:**

**A. Krystal moved to accept the agenda, no opposition, meeting agenda approved**

**IV. OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

**A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: absent**

**B. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Prayers for Ed Smith while he is in the hospital. Stay safe, still fighting against COVID, get vaccinated - there are many locations across the city to get vaccinated! Many events coming up planned by committees in association - please participate and get the word out.**

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Will share report of expenses and income for date ending 3/31/2021  
3/31 Savings Account balance: 5,419.10; Checking Account Balance \$3463.87 (Major expenses for the month include Administrative fees, Grandmonitor Printing and Easter Egg Event sponsorship for a total expenses of \$560.14.) Most recent numbers as of 4/29/2021 Savings: \$5419.10 and Checking: \$4182.88 (Upcoming expenses: Ad manager, Website Manager and Grandmonitor Printing \$545)

**D. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Current Memberships for 2021: 147; Memberships from 2020: 237; and current PayPal balance \$677.24 (Dreamhost payment on 4/17 \$15.99)**

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**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Standing):**

- A. ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR (Jomo King):** No Report
- B. BEAUTIFICATION (Larissa Richardson):** Meeting Monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month! Holding a Clean up of Ramsey Park today from 12-3pm. Today is Motor City Makeover. Hosting a small fundraiser with Lorena to sell Scentsy to aid in beautification efforts. New Business expenses for cleanup. Diane shared Keep Detroit Beautiful dates/information for free flowers. Met with DPW about Alleyways in the neighborhood. Barricade/something to deter traffic/loitering in alleyways happening.
- C. ENVIRONMENTAL/VACANT PROPERTY TASK FORCE (Harrison Duke III & Diane Patterson):** Diane asked Harrison to send a letter to a home on Rutland due to upkeep concerns. Dog House seller getting out of hand. Robert attended Councilman Tate's D1 meeting last week - expressed concern about water accumulation in the neighborhood to DWSD, asked about lead pipe replacement for service lines to homes, we are in the safe zone for lead amounts. Krystal said that we need to keep on bugging them about the water accumulation when we notice those things. The sooner the better. Vacant Property - sent email to Aaron Hall about 8 houses in April. Working on a Rehabbed and Ready house on Archdale - good news because it will be ready for sale and they do a good job. Vacant Property meeting - working on other categories for Improve Detroit App, tax help extended to May 14, 2021.
- D. GRANDMONITOR (Sandi Miller):** Lite version name selected: Grandmonitor "News to You" (Winner received \$10 gift card) Committee is still working on a handbook for any future editors/committee members to be able to create editions of Grandmonitor.
- 1. Advertising Grandmonitor (Phil Foster): Submitted Ad report for February, March and April**
- E. GRDC (Jomo King/Charlotte Wright):** Jomo shared TCF Bank opened their branch in Grandmont Rosedale, Cocktail Lounge opening at the end of May in neighborhood, looking to hire multiple positions for GRDC - contact Sherrita, apartment buildings behind the Comerica Bank were purchased by GRDC - still planning development of that building, old IHOP that will be mixed use development this summer.
- F. RAMSEY PARK (Edward Smith):** no report but there are many events happening in Ramsey park coming up
- G. RIPPLING HOPE (Cora Duncan-Foster):** Rev. Carl E. Zerweck, Executive Rippling Hope Director, works with 70 Block Club/Neighborhood Association. Thirty-four of the seventy still have residents to be serviced. Out of the seventy, we have 18 residents that need the free home repair. Of course, the 2020 Year Pandemic had stopped the travel of the volunteers to Detroit. Rippling Hope has just three volunteer groups confirmed to arrive here in June. Hopefully, the groups will come and our residents can be serviced.

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**H. SCHOLARSHIP (Cora Duncan-Foster):** Now, the GCA Scholarship Total is \$1,055.35.

The GCA Scholarship Committee decided to not have a scholarship recipient this year. The pandemic made it difficult for recipients as well as their parents to volunteer. Ten hour volunteerism is a requirement. Future scholarship recipient is not a graduating senior.

**I. SAFETY/SECURITY (Joyce Tatum):** James Liddell reported out about patrols continuing - Radio Patrol meets every first Monday evening of each month. Josh asked about switching yield signs to stop signs in the neighborhood - many accidents happen at yield signs. Samantha shared that speeding/traffic control in general is a problem. Larissa thinks there needs to be a bigger conversation involving more of the board and community. Revisit this issue.

**J. SOCIAL PLANNING (Krystal Thurmond):** **Sunshine Club reimbursement needed, Movie in the Park May 22, 2021 at 8:30pm (Free event: Vendors Cravin Station, and Popcorn), NPO Officer Childrey - special attention to this event. Flyers and banners for the event will be created. Need volunteers on May 16 to pass out flyers and May 21 clean up beforehand. Annual Meeting: \$275 on the day of annual meeting to CJ's catering. We are planning for 100 guests. Asking for RSVPs by June 12th. Balance could change depending on how many people. Renting of chairs and tables needed- seeking vendors and prices. GRDC is willing to give us tables to use and borrow chairs too. Neighbors can bring their own chairs. Robert reminded us we need to make a donation to GRDC for using their items. We need a port-a-john facility.**

**K. STREET & BLOCK CAPTAINS (Yvonne Sanders & Ethel Smith):** no report

**L. YOUTH AND EDUCATION (Carla White-Smith):** Next event: June 5, 2021 Reading in Ramsay Park. Volunteers are needed.

1. Cost of snacks needed for the event.

200 Plain Better Maid	12.87 x 4 =51.48
Kool-Aid Jammers 40pk	5.98 x 4 =23.92
3 Purified Water Sam's club 45pk	6.72 x3= 20.16 = <b>95.56 x6% Total= \$101.29</b>

**Remainder of snacks can be given to the social committee.**

- I. Books or monetary donations are appreciated for Reading in Ramsay Park.
- II. Last Call for T-shirt orders Sunday 5/2/2021.

Please drop payments in my door mail slot @ **14595 Longacre** or

CashApp **\$CarlaWhiteSmith**

\*\*\*If paying by CashApp please include the charge listed below.

(2XL plus) Larger sizes: 14.00 + .38 for Cash App charge =14.38  
(S-XL) Smaller Sizes: 12.00 + .33 for Cash App charge = 12.33

Jenise shared they may need paint to make social distancing circles (\$25)

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**M. SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

1. **WEBSITE (Mark McCrae): no report**
2. **SOCIAL MEDIA (Samantha Bonaparte): no report**

**VI. ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REPORTS**

- A. Robert moved, Krystal Seconded**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT: Yolanda Burnett and LaTondra attended for the first time today! Getting involved**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS none**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Decide on location/method of next month's meeting: Via zoom or in person in Ramsey Park. We will send out an email about the meeting method to have all board members vote. Vote was tied 3-3.
- B. Welcome committee
- C. Art Club for Youth nearby - table

**X. ADJOURNMENT: Krystal moved to adjourn at 11:25am. Ethel seconded.**

**XI. NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2021 at 10AM**