

GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER

A/K/A Central Park Place Minutes

September 22, 2025

Present: James Porenta, Dawn Wolfe, Doug VanOss (by phone), Meghan Allison

Absent: Martha Alexander

Others Present: Mayor Bob Monetza, Dana Kollwehr – Assistant City Manager

1. **Meeting called to order:** Chair, Jim Porenta, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of agenda:** Wolfe motioned to approved the agenda, second by Allison. Motion approved 3-0.
3. **Children's Museum Updates:** Staff shared that the Children's Museum proposal will likely be up for consideration to begin lease negotiations this fall. A presentation is being made at the October 6th City Council meeting. No action is anticipated at that meeting, but the item will be brought back to City Council for direction on future lease negotiations. The proposal was reviewed with the Board and initial comments shared by Board members. VanOss recommended that the City consider requesting that the Museum utilize the ground-floor only instead of splitting the space between two floors. While generally supportive, the group discussed the logistics of renters and the public in accessing each of the spaces. Also, some concern was brought up about the natural light in the Mackinaw, given the proposal to construct a new entrance over the current green roof. Board members encouraged staff to also look into any interest the new downtown hotel may have and how that might impact the use of the building.
4. **Rental and Operational Continuity:** Kollwehr shared that the rentals and day-to-day operations continue as usual. Due to recent staff transitions, response times to inquiries may be delayed. Staff support is currently being received from the Department of Public Works.
5. **Committee Reports**

MARKETING – Board member Allison provided an update on the status of marketing efforts and potential changes to the website. She noted needed changes regarding the calendar, layout, photographs, and more. Current changes are paused during staff transition, but may be picked back up as everyone gets more acclimated to their role and available time.

ARTS – No update.

ORGANIZATIONS – No update.

COMMUNITY- No update.

FINANCE- VanOss provided an update on the year end financials to the Board. Notably, rental revenue was down from the previous fiscal year and operating expenses were up. The Board also reviewed the

number of pro-bono events and impact to the budget. In the future, VanOss plans to produce and provide a quarterly report as well.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Ballroom Lighting Project is wrapping up and will be completed prior to the end of the State's Fiscal year. Staff will be completing a grant close-out report before the end of October, as required by the grant.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 27, 2025