



Minutes

Board of Directors
Grand Haven Main Street

February 10, 2022
Community Center, 421 Columbus Ave

Meeting Called to Order by Vice Chair Andy VanderHoek at 7:05 a.m.

Present: Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes, Cathy McNally, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Carolyn Taylor

Absent: Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren

Also Present: Jeremy Swiftney, Pat McGinnis

Call to Audience/Public Comments

None

Acceptance of Regular and Consent Agenda

Motion by Sharon Behm, second by Todd Anthes, to accept the Consent and Regular Agendas as presented on today's agenda. Motion Carries with Mayor McNally abstaining.

Yes: *Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Carolyn Taylor*

No: *None*

Abstain: *Cathy McNally*

Motion carries.

Consent Agenda

Motion by David Garland, second by Todd Anthes, to accept minutes from January 13th Board Meeting and current financial reports.

Yes: *Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Carolyn Taylor*

No: *None*

Abstain: *Cathy McNally*

Motion carries.



Downtown/Centertown Flower Planters Bid Proposals

Recommendation to accept low bid from Mattson's Landscaping in the amount of \$5,432.44. Board Members advised that we need to up our game with volunteers in 2022 to create a better maintenance plan and coordinate removal in the fall. Clear and direct communication will be sent to all owners and volunteers to clarify needs and expectations.

Motion by Dave Garland, second by Todd Anthes, to accept the low bid of \$5,432.44

Yes: *Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Carolyn Taylor*

No: *None*

Abstain: *Cathy McNally*

Motion carries.

City Council SWOT Analysis Discussion

Mayor McNally advised this would be an iterative process that we will build on at all levels going forward. Council seeks review and comment on those items listed and any ideas of anything that may need to be included.

Motion by Todd Anthes to receive the report and process the discussion through the Committee structure, second by Dave Garland.

Yes: *Sharon Behm, Jude Boyle, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Carolyn Taylor*

No: *None*

Abstain: *Cathy McNally*

Motion carries.

Director's Report

- Match on Main Grant Round Two
Second round is underway. We can apply for up to two businesses. Last round was 70 applications with 20 awards. Jeremy will work with applicants, narrow the list and assist the two most likely candidates with an application.
- Outdoor Dining Update
Will be presented at the February 21 City Council meeting for direction from Council. Need to work out details with Social District, Special Events, and individual applicant's needs.
- Beyond The Pier Update



Two informational sessions were held last week.

- Farmer's Market Board Position

There is a Farmer's Market Advisory Board and currently needs an appointee from the MSDDA. Next meeting is April 14, 2022. They meet about four times per year.

- BLP/City Council Meeting

Snowmelt is one of the items under discussion when Council and BLP meet. The \$1 million boiler investment remains unresolved. The MSDDA's position remains that the liability cannot be passed on to property owners along Washington.

- Marijuana Survey

Jeremy reported that the survey is being worked on. He gave an update on the mechanics of the process.

Board Comments

- Incubator Shops

The Board discussed the concept and future ideas to promote new small businesses get ready for doing business in our downtown.

- Cycle Back to Centertown

Joyce announced that on May 7 there will be a new event. Two food trucks, vintage bicycles, presentations, help kids get bikes ready for Memorial Day parade, GH Public Safety will provide bike safety advice and many other fresh and fun ideas!

- Bike Rentals

Sharon expressed concern about the bike rental operation needs to be proactive in notifying customers that bike riding is not permitted on sidewalks downtown – no wheel zone Memorial Day through Labor Day on downtown sidewalks.

- Parking

Dave reminded the board of the perceived parking problem downtown and our mission to work on improvements.

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on March 10, 2022, at the Grand Haven City Hall Council Chamber – 519 Washington Ave