

MINUTES
Board of Directors
Grand Haven Main Street
October 13, 2022
City Hall, 519 Washington

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Cara Galbavi at 7:02 a.m.

Present: , Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Cathy McNally, Lynn Negen, Kristin Hibbard, Chris Weavers-Stevenson

Absent: Judy Boyle

Also Present: Jeremy Swiftney

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Sharon Behm: (Borr's Bootery, 214 Washington) First three blocks met and will continue to meet. They organized Trick or Treating, Night Light and what they want downtown to be. Expressed no interest in outdoor dining in the first block.

Doug Vance: (Copper Post, 100 Washington) Asked for changes in parking, Expressed frustrations concerning his tenants parking tickets and towing issues. Requests surveys include residents in the district not just retailers.

John Morgan (J Morgan, 119 Washington) Read a petition that was signed by 42 people. Issues concerning the outdoor dining, events that happen in the first three blocks, also requested events do not happen on Saturday during the summer season. (Petition, and signatures was given to Cara following John's talk)

John O'Connor (Long Road Distillers, 18 Washington) Requesting the outdoor dining continue in the first block. Expressed concern that he was not contacted about this petition.

Kelly Larson (Fortino's, 114 Washington) Expressed that she does not want the social district to be expanded until the current area is better controlled

Mary Janusz (Calico Cat, 10 Washington) is requesting no outdoor dining in the first block of Washington

Acceptance of the Consent and Regular Agenda:

Motion by Todd Anthes, second by Kristin Hubbard, to approve the regular and Consent Agendas.

Yes: *Cathy McNally, Chris Weavers-Steevnsion, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren, Lynn Negen*

Abstain:

Motion carries

Consent Agenda

Motion by to approve the consent agenda by Andy VanderHoek, second by Todd Anthes.

Yes: *Cathy McNally, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Todd Anthes, Todd Hancock, Joyce Workman, Andy VanderHoek, Lynn Negen, Kristin Hubbard, Cara Galbavi, Bob Warren*

Abstain:

Motion Carries

Residential Downtown Parking Recommendation

Jeremy stepped us through a presentation with parking lots, hours, availability, parking lot counts and locations.

Motion is recommending to city council that no changes be made to the downtown parking plan by Joyce Workman, second by Chris Weavers-Stevenson.

Yes: *Andy VanderHoek, Joyce Workman, Catherine McNally, Lynn Negen, Nathan Patterson, Cara Galbavi, Kristin Hubbard, Todd Anthes, Laura Girard, Todd Hancock, Robert Warren, Chris Weavers-Stevenson*

Abstain:

Motion Passes

Social Zone Gathering Space and Outdoor Dining

Jeremy started this agenda item with an update on outdoor dining. Because of the petition, signatures and information shared during public comments Joyce Workman asked about sending outdoor dining back to R & R for discussion concerning the petition and the 42 people who signed the petition. Board members have not seen the petition. Mayor McNally said she had been emailed the petition and agreed with what is requested. After much discussion on time already spent concerning this topic, should we move forward (R&R and Exec Comm have recommended approval) what should be the right step? Decision to change dates also to May 22 - September 11, 2023 for the outdoor dining.

Motion made to send outdoor dining back to R& R Committee by Joyce Workman, second by Lynn Negen.

Yes: *Andy VanderHoek, Joyce Workman, Catherine McNally, Lynn Negen, Nathan Patterson*

No: Cara Galbavi, Kristin Hubbard, Todd Anthes, Laura Girard, Todd Hancock, Robert Warren, Chris Weavers-Stevenson

Abstain:

Motion Fails

Motion made to move forward with recommendations from R & R and Exec Comm and present outdoor dining plan to city council by Todd Anthes, second by Chris Weavers-Stevenson

Yes: Cara Galbavi, Kristin Hubbard, Todd Anthes, Laura Girard, Todd Hancock, Robert Warren, Chris Weavers-Stevenson

No: Andy VanderHoek, Joyce Workman, Catherine McNally, Lynn Negen, Nathan Patterson

Abstain:

Motion Passes

Social District Expansion

Jeremy reviewed social district conversations with R&R and executive committee. Discussion concerning extension, conversations need to be held with the Musical Fountain Board, merchants at The Depot and events that are held at waterfront that do not want alcohol. After discussion motion was made to review in committees more before bringing to the full board for decision.

Motion made by Todd Anthes to send the decision back to committee for further discussion, information and reaching out to key committees and stakeholders. Second by Andy VanderHoek

Yes: Cara Galbavi, Kristin Hubbard, Todd Anthes, Laura Girard, Todd Hancock, Robert Warren, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Andy VanderHoek, Joyce Workman, Catherine McNally, Lynn Negen, Nathan Patterson

No:

Abstain:

Motion Passes

Director's Report

Jeremy attended training for storytelling with media use.

Chair's Report: Cara shared events that are coming: Chow-Down Centertown, Trick or Treat, Light Night. Executive Committee slate will be discussed in the coming weeks.

Call to Audience/Public Comment

Mayor McNally let us know that Roger Bergman called about the planters needing to be better taken care. Joyce shared the next Learning Workshop hosted by R & R is Friday 10/28 with the topic of Basics of Social Media.

Sharon Behm expressed frustrations with the board concerning lack of promotion committee, unclear information concerning PSD dollars, advertising funds and lack of information from the board,.

Doug Vance expressed concerns with outdoor dining and parking issues.

John O'Conner said he was never contacted about the petition concerning outdoor dining. He also requested that outdoor dining be continued.

Chris Gerard (Surf Shop, 16 Washington) expressed concerns with outdoor dining, areas not being cleaned, and the area should be better maintained. He also said alcohol for events should be purchased from main street stakeholders.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on November 10th 2022 at City Hall, 519 Washington Avenue.