



Minutes

Board of Directors

Grand Haven Main Street

November 11, 2021

Council Chamber, 519 Washington Avenue

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Todd Anthes at 7:01 a.m.

Present: Todd Anthes, Cathy McNally, Todd Hancock, Cara Galbavi, Sharon Behm, Joyce Workman, Chris Weavers-Stevenson, Andy VanderHoek, Kristin Hibbard, Dave Garland, Jude Boyle, Carolyn Taylor, Bob Warren

Absent: None

Also Present: Kevin McLaughlin, Joy Gaasch, Jeremy Swiftney, Pat McGinnis, Antoinette Martin

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Kevin McLaughlin, City Council Member introduced himself.

Acceptance of Regular and Consent Agenda

Motion by Sharon, second by Cara, to accept the Consent and Regular Agendas as presented on today's agenda. Motion Carries.

Consent Agenda

Review and Approve Minutes from October 14th Board Meeting Review and Approve Current Financial Records.

Motion by Sharon, second by Dave, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carries.

Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce – Art Festival Request

Jeremy reported that the Chamber would like to expand their event June 24 – 26, 2022 to include Friday.

Joy explained that the registration program used for their summer art festival has a long lead time, so they are needing to get the dates settled in a hurry. In 2022 they would like to start the event on Friday rather than waiting until Saturday morning.

With an early Saturday start, loading in at 1:00 a.m. was very problematic in 2021. Historically it is easier to set up during the day, with a street closure first thing Friday morning.

Historically, the parking prohibition has not been practical during the day after people already start parking downtown. We have waited until after the musical fountain show to shut the road down, and even then we end up towing several cars.

Close Washington at 3:00 a.m. Friday, June 24. Artists can start setting up at 5:00 a.m.

Show goes from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday

Courtyard Concerts Free Friday Concerts at 7:00 p.m. Friday

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sharon commented that the general feeling is that expanding the hours and day opens up better options and there is general support for this change.

Dave recommended that we work hard to get the word out about alternate parking options.

Motion by Dave, second by Joyce, to recommend the adjustment be approved by the City Council.

Mayor McNally commented that she would like to further consider the role of the Mayor as voting member on the MSDDA and for today will be abstaining from voting.

Motion carries.

Mayor McNally abstains.

Director's Report

Light Night is Friday, November 19. Java and Side Bar will be offering free hot cocoa with adult purchase.

Main Street mixer is Tuesday, November 16 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Snug Harbor. Great networking event for downtown businesses and advocates.

Chair's Report

Todd had no report.

Pat reported on the Flags that were put out

Joy reported that the Jingle Bell would be back on December 4, 2021. Due to grave concerns about safety during this night-time parade, in 2021 there will be no candy handed out. Instead, we will hand out candy at the Santa Tree Lighting Ceremony in Central Park following the parade. Salvation Army does three Christmas carols, then the Mayor and Santa light the tree.

Call to Audience/Public Comments

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. on December 8, 2021 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.