



# Heritage Hill Association

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2022

Board members in attendance: Richard App, Wes Beck, Jeremy Czubko, Suzanne De Haan, Wendy Falb, Laura Joyce, Abigail Larimer, Jordan Meager, Kurt McDonald, Wayne Norlin, James Scozzari

Absent: Jeffrey Fawcett, Carolyn Ferrari

Staff in attendance: Barbara Draughon, Laska Nygaard, Maria Zache Starkey

Guests in attendance: Gayle Harvey, City of Grand Rapids Office of Oversight and Public Accountability (OPA)

1. Call to Order: 7:08 pm
2. September Minutes: Motion to approve (Suzanne), second (Wes), carried unanimously
3. Public Comment: None
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Staff to meet with Finance Committee to review 2023 budget
  - b. Staff prepared asset inventory in anticipation of move to Voigt House per Finance Committee recommendation
5. Action items: None
6. Guest: Gayle Harvey – recently joined OPA as “Community Affairs Analyst”. Her role will be to respond to, and address question and concerns residents (and neighborhood associations) have, particularly in terms of relationships with law enforcement.
  - a. Maria: asked Gayle to speak about OPA’s relationship with Chief Winstrom. Gayle: OPA and Chief Winstrom have the same goal of building trust in law enforcement within communities
  - b. Maria: asked about a recent item in GRPD’s role that has been transferred to OPA. Gayle: Was not aware of this but will check as she is still new and there is a team of five people at OPA.
  - c. Wendy: How is OPA working with immigrant communities? Gayle: OPA is working with Congolese community on “know your rights”, and is working on training pinpointed to different communities

- d. Wendy: Is OPA an open resource for expressing concerns. Gayle: OPA is open to receiving any complaints and concerns. OPA's goal: to be liaison between communities and GRPD
7. Committee Reports:
- a. Executive:
    - i. Administrative:
    - ii. Nominating Committee (Suzanne):
      - 1. James and Wayne intend to run for another 3-year term
      - 2. Two new candidates: Denise Cook, Bryan Cody
    - iii. Personnel: Laska welcomed and introduced, Painted the electrical box at Wealthy and Madison
  - b. Community Engagement:
    - i. Suzanne: Need an ambassador for the walking tours October 27 – Wayne volunteered
    - ii. Barbara and Suzanne recapped Happy Hour at Sweet House
  - c. Fundraising:
    - i. Home Tour (Suzanne): We still need two houses
    - ii. Annual Appeal (Barbara): In the September-October Herald, mailed out to neighborhood residences, future email and social media campaigns planned
  - d. Land Use & Historic Preservation (Wayne):
    - i. Met at Wes's house October 3
    - ii. The committee is growing – New member Jordan Meager's insights as Planner for City of Wyoming are valuable. Jim Payne joined
    - iii. 355 Paris/300 Wealthy – possible special meeting with the developer within the next month
    - iv. State Street – Barbara talked to Zoning department to keep parking lanes
    - v. Mary Free Bed expansion
    - vi. Central High/"Logie" Park – Jim Payne, Char Cruzich co-chairs – still working with Javier Cervantes at GRPS
    - vii. Trinity Health future development plans
    - viii. Intending to review Heritage Hill master plan at next meeting
8. Staff Reports: see attached
9. Old Business:
- a. HHA logo (Barbara): Ad hoc committee met. Looking for volunteer. Jeremy: recommended [www.fiverr.com](http://www.fiverr.com)
10. New Business:
- a. Kurt presented the Trinity Health "Heartside Health District Revitalization" proposed project
    - i. Consolidate surface parking into a single parking structure and convert the surfaces into residential and green space
    - ii. Build a large multi-use "Apex" building featuring a Bridge Street Market-style grocery store in collaboration with Meijer
  - b. Illegal dumping survey
11. Adjournment: 8:15 pm