



MINUTES
Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe
Chapter of the GPBR
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom
President: Ryan Lally
President Elect: Alexis DeLuca

(6) Members Present: Kevin Brennan, Chris DeRosier, Mackenzie Holguin, Ryan Lally, PRES., Donna O’Keefe, Jimmy Saros, Melissa Singh, Kathy Young, Debbie Fajardo (MT)

(6) Members Absent: Alexis DeLuca PRES Elect, Charles Krasner, Donna O’Neill, Ryan Peck SEC

- I. Called to order at 1:02 PM**
- II. Approval of the prior meeting minutes for 8/6/24. M/S/P**
- III. President’s Report**
 - A. Membership Count: noted
 - B. Elections: 9/17 – 10/9 Voting; 11/19 Officers elected
 - C. GPBR Golf outing was a success. Pres Lally noted the Chapter needs better representation and suggested the Chapter entertain holding their own Golf Outing and to consider the following clubs: Detroit, Lochmoor, SCS on Masonic and Chandler Park. *Debbie Fajardo (MT) will start to look into the 4 clubs.*
- IV. HW/GP Networking 2024**
 - A. Morning Mixers
 - a. 10/17/24 – Josef’s European Pastry Shop, GPW
 - b. 12/19/24 - TBD
 - B. Happy Hour
 - a. 11/7/24 – *Debbie Fajardo (MT) looking into The Little Club, Cabbage Patch Saloon and The Bronze Door.*
- V. Municipal, YPN and Affiliate Reports**
 - A. Municipal Liaison Reports
 - i. **Harper Woods** – Melissa Singh – no report
 - ii. **Grosse Pointe Park** – Chris DeRosier – Ordinance 243 added municipal violations and civil infractions for business regulations to the city code. This allows for business violations to be charged and fined by the infraction. This could lead up to STR policy that will be coming. Priority Waste and lack of service level continues to be a topic and is actively being worked on. Sidewalk, alley paving and fixes continue to progress. A New Master Plan is far more detailed and allows for more clearly defined and expanded residential over commercial in all business districts (Mack, Charlevoix, Kercheval and Jefferson). Seats in the Schaap theater will be redone by the end of the year.

- iii. **Grosse Pointe Woods** – Donna O’Keefe – they started allowing for three stories three years ago, but they are not cost effective. Mack doesn’t have room due to parking, trash pickup still awful, there is One liquor license available with two applicants.
 - iv. **Grosse Pointe City** – Donna O’Neill - The city of Grosse Pointe has a new City Manager, Joe Valentine. The Helm is requesting the senior millage be included on the ballot for 11/5/24. As a point of reference, in the first year, a .35 mill levy would cost the average homeowner \$64.70 based on a taxable value of \$184,863. Community Outreach Committee reminder: Life Remodeled 6 Day project for neighborhood revitalization is taking place at the old Dominican High School on Monday 9/23/24.
 - v. **Wayne County** – Jimmy Saros – no report
- B. **Young Professionals Network** (Debbie Fajardo, MT) – YPN AG is holding their Anniversary/Charity Event at Total Sports on 11/14/24 from 5-8pm. More info will become available after their AG meeting.
 - C. **Affiliate Committee** - Chris DeRosier – no update
- VI. **New Business:** GPBR received an email from Cindy Willcock – new City Manager is Joe Valentine.
 - VII. **Next Meeting:** 10/15/2024 at 1PM via Zoom
 - VIII. **Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.**