

MINUTES

Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Chapter of the GPBR

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom

President: Donna O'Keefe

President Elect: Jimmy Saros

- (7) Regents Present:** Donna O'Keefe (PRES), Jimmy Saros (PRES ELECT), Ryan Lally (Secretary), Lara Miller, Laura Peters, Lynne Shine Williams, YPA: Mackenzie Holguin
- (4) Liaisons, & MT Present:** Chris DeRosier, Brian Rumohr, Debbie Fajardo (MT), Jen Hild (MT)
- (2) Regents Absent:** Alexis DeLuca, Ryan Peck
- (2) Liaisons Absent:** Donna O'Neil, Chase Wakefield

- I. **Called to order** at 1:04 PM
- II. **Approval of the prior meeting** for 12/18/25, M/S/P
- III. **President's Report** (O'Keefe)
 - A. **Membership Count:** 311 members with 278 as Primary, 19 as Secondary, 5 Corporate Partners and 9 Affiliates
 - B. **Upcoming Board Events:** 1/9 Roundtable Luncheon, 1/14 Leadership Workshop, 2/5 1031 Exchanges.
- IV. **New Business:** the Contract for the Sale of Real Estate is now available for the membership.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - A. The Helm will be the guest speaker at the upcoming 3/11 General Membership Meeting.
 - B. The Chapter will also offer an overview of the updates from 2025.
 - C. The Regents and Liaisons agreed to identify two additional sponsors to join the corporate sponsor for the event.
- VI. **HW/GP Happy Hours 2026:**
 - A. 1/8: Luxe Bar & Grill on Kercheval in GPF
 - B. 3/5 Whisky Six on St. Clair Ave in GP
- VII. **Municipal, YPN, and Affiliate Reports:**
 - A. Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce –Rumohr:
 1. 1/29 Annual Breakfast will be a fruitful event
 2. Now available - New Residence Bags: Members can add their items in the bag. All REALTORS® can pick up a bag for their new homeowners.
 3. They are offering GP Gift Cards to local businesses. They are accepted at most GP Businesses.
 4. \$200 annual membership but will verify.
 - B. Affiliate Committee – DeRosier: No update at this time
 - C. Grosse Pointe City - O'Neill: Absent
 - D. Grosse Pointe Farms – Lally:
 1. the Village Market's plans to reconfigure the McKinley and Mack Avenue intersection are ongoing, with a traffic study pending.
 2. Infrastructure upgrades, including stormwater separation and the approved design for the Pure Parks pool complex.
 3. Peters highlighted an upcoming City Council meeting on January 12th to vote on the 107 Kercheval Rite Aid project, which requires additional information and community input.

4. The Bronze Door is closing.
5. Water bills have tripled; you'll need to double check your bills.
- E. Grosse Pointe Park - DeRosier:
 1. Park construction, including rescaping in Charlevoix will be finished in 2026.
 2. Residents have a responsibility to clear sidewalks and can use available salt at Grosse Point Park.
- F. Grosse Pointe Shores – Wakefield: Absent
- G. Grosse Pointe Woods –O'Keefe
 1. There are still traffic complaints around the new Mack and Vernier intersection, with some confusion about left turns, though it was noted the route is actually quicker than the previous setup.
 2. There have been recent City Council approvals including the rezoning of Assumption Greek Church's property for an 8-court pickleball facility and indoor turf area, and the unanimous approval of a mixed-use commercial development at Renaud and Oxford, which will include seven apartments above a single restaurant.
 3. The group discussed traffic light timing issues on Vernier Road, with Mackenzie reporting long wait times at red lights and Donna noting that the city is working on the problem.
 4. Residents have a responsibility to clear sidewalks and can use available salt at Grosse Point Park.
- H. Harper Woods – Not assigned.
- I. Young Professionals Network – Holguin: YPN is holding a Tax Planning event on 3/24 with a CPA, Lawyer and Financial Planner.
- VIII. **Next Meeting: 3/17/26 at 1 pm via Zoom**
- IX. **Future Meetings: 4/21, 5/26, 6/30, 8/4, 9/8, 10/13, 11/17**
- X. **Meeting adjourned at 1:46 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Fajardo, Management Team