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Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Chapter of the GPBR

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom

President: Donna O'Keefe

President Elect: Jimmy Saros

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

- I. **Called to order** at 1:01 PM
- II. **Approval of the prior meeting** for 5/26/26, M/S/P.
- III. **President's Report** (O'Keefe)
 - A. **Membership Count:** has gone up 8 members since last report: 304
 - B. **Upcoming Board/Chapter Events:** 7/9 Happy Hour, 7/10 Round Table, 7/28 MSHDA, 8/6 GMM, 8/11 Unleash AI, 9/14 Golf Outing, 9/22 CE.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Discussion of House Bill 5529-5532 and 5581-5585 (Jimmy Saros): GPBR feels these bills would override local zoning and master plans, with concerns raised about how these bills could impact local communities' ability to control density and neighborhood-specific regulations. Chase Wakefield provided updates from the Michigan Realtors Public Policy Committee, noting that while Michigan REALTORS® support these bills, local governments across the state, including GPBR Members, are opposed to them. The board discussed the need for better communication about state-level issues affecting real estate, with Ryan Lally proposing that the board do more to educate members about political developments.
 - B. 2027 Leadership/Elections (Donna O'Keefe): Asked the Regents to think of nominations for the three vacancies for next year and bring suggestions to the next meeting. MT will email the Regents with all their term dates and the seats which are up for election.
- V. **Old Business:** Certificates of Occupancy – City of Grosse Pointe. There have been two that have brought this up. One had to tear down an old garage and put up a bond for the new build. A second has asbestos and was said to be repaired, but it wasn't.
- VI. **HW/GP Happy Hours 2026:** The next Chapter Happy Hour is 7/9 at Cabbage Patch Saloon in Grosse Pointe Park. Our next one will be 9/3, location is yet to be confirmed.
- VII. **Municipal, YPN, and Affiliate Reports:**
 - A. **Affiliate Committee** – Peters: Would appreciate the Regents helping to increase the visibility of GPBR's events by bringing the info to their offices. The Speed Networking Event was well attended but with plenty of no shows and was an overall success.
 - B. **Community Outreach** - O'Keefe: Has received approval from the Board of Directors to fund the Marilyn Stanitzke Library fund for one year. The committee is looking for community events to sponsor.

- C. **The Hill Association** – Peters: GP Farms has an End of Year Bash, sponsorship forms will be sent. The Hill Bike Rack will be installed soon. Winterfest will probably be in February. The Helm’s Adult Day Care is \$79 per day. Thrive on the Hill is 7/18. Fly Leaf Roof Top is open for parties. 7/23 will be a shred day from 11am to 12pm.
 - C. **GP Park** – DeRosier: There is ongoing construction on Charlevoix, streets are under construction through October, then paused until the spring when they will resume construction. Water Meter replacement project is still going on.
 - D. **GP Chamber of Commerce** – Rumohr: GP Art Festival is looking for artists and musicians along with sponsors. Santa Parade needs sponsors and volunteers. Legacy on the Lake was well attended.
 - E. **GP City** - O’Neill: Nothing to report
 - F. **GP Farms** – Lally: There no report about the sewage. Pool construction is in the works. Swim League is ongoing. New Parks & Recs app for the Farms. A lease is still being worked on for the Day Care at the former JoAnne Fabrics location.
 - G. **GP Shores** – Wakefield: 7/4 will be their fireworks. Their pool needs to be rebuilt.
 - H. **GP Woods** – O’Keefe: There hasn’t been much at the last two meetings. They still need approval for the indoor hockey arena.
 - I. **Harper Woods** – Singh: Frasure Square: 5 of the structures are built and the 3 story town homes are almost done. Salter Park is closed for reconstruction. Roscommon Pocket Park is open.
 - J. **YPN** - Mackenzie Holguin: Absent
- VIII. **Open discussion:**
- IX. **Next Meeting:** 8/4 at 1 PM via Zoom
- Future Meetings:** 9/8, 10/13, 11/17
- X. **Meeting adjourned at 2:01 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Rand Fajardo, MT

Action Items: