



COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE
March 4, 2025

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY EVENTS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 4, 2025 AT THE GROSSE POINTE WOODS – CONFERENCE ROOM, 20025 MACK, and GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Members Present: Chair Mayor Arthur Bryant, Chris Fenton, Bruce Smith, Al Fincham, Jenny Boettcher, Vicki Granger, Susan Como

Members Absent: Todd McConaghy, Frank Schulte

Also in attendance: Rita O'Farrell (Recording Secretary)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Fenton, to excuse members McConaghy and Schulte from tonight's meeting.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Granger, Como

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

Recording Secretary O'Farrell distributed updated **3/3/2025 Interested Band List**.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Fincham, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Granger, Como

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

The first item discussed was the **2024 Ending Balance Sheet**.

Motion by Boettcher, seconded by Granger, to receive and place on file the 2024 Ending Balance Sheet as presented.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Granger, Como

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Schulte



Next item discussed was the **2025 Proposed Budget**.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Smith, to accept the 2025 Proposed Budget as presented and recommend to city council to transfer the sum of \$8,295.03 (2023: \$4,201.13; 2024: \$4,093.90) from the community events committee account #213-803-880.130 to the city's general fund to cover the overtime wages incurred from employees working the 2023 and 2024 events.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Granger, Como
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

The next item discussed was the **Sponsors**.

The following 2024 sponsors would be contacted for 2025 sponsorship:

COMPANY NAME	
A.H. Peters Funeral Home	Granger
Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.	Fincham
Ascension/St. John Hospital	Como
Crispelli's LLC Grosse Pointe	Schulte
Eastside Dermatology	Smith
Edmund t. Ahee Jewelry Company	Granger
Grosse Pointe Spine Center	Fenton
Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation	Bryant
Jacobs and Diemer P.C.	Granger
Marshall Landscape	Fenton
Mr. C's Car Wash	Granger
Nickel & Saph Inc.	Schulte
Rosati, Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, P.C.	Schulte
VDG Mack Ave LLC (Verus Dvlp)	Schulte
York, Dolan & Tomlinson, P.C.	Schulte

Additional companies to be contacted for sponsorship:

COMPANY NAME	CONTACT
A.H. Peters Funeral Home	Granger
Comerica	Smith
Champs/Daily Jam	Schulte

Cottage Pizza	Fenton
DTE Energy	Schulte
Flagstar	Bryant
Foster & Foster Actuary/Jason Franken	Schulte
Genesis Chevrolet	Fincham
Jeff Davis	Schulte
McKenna	Schulte
Mike VanOverbeke	Granger
Pointe Alarm	Schulte
The Steak Shop by Fairway Packing	Schulte
Verizon	Fenton
Wayne County Community College	Granger

There was consensus of the committee that no exclusive sponsor letters would be sent out.

Vicki Granger left the meeting early at 6:15 PM.

Next item discussed was **Entertainment** at the events.

Motion by Fenton, seconded by Smith, to recommend to city council to enter into agreements with the following bands: Entourage Dance Band (June 27 Music on the Lawn); Mainstream Drive (July 25 Music on the Lawn); The Good Stuff (August 22 Music on the Lawn) and Sonic Freeway (October 4 Fall Fest).

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Como
 No: None
 Absent: McConaghy, Schulte, Granger

Food Vendors were discussed next. Como advised the committee members that National Coney Island has committed to being vendor at the July 25 Music on the Lawn event and the October 4 Fall Fest. Recording Secretary O'Farrell was asked to contact Katrina's Italian Kitchen about vending at the June and August events.

Motion by Fincham, seconded by Smith, to recommend to city council to approve Community Event Committee funds to cover food expenses for the July 25 Music on the Lawn/75th Anniversary Summer Celebration event in the amount of \$4,800 and the October 4 Fall Fest event in the amount of \$4,000.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Como

No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte, Granger

There was consensus of the committee that there will be no rain date for the July 25 Music on the Lawn/75th Anniversary Summer Celebration. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the Community Center and Cook Schoolhouse facilities. Additionally, National Coney Island will still provide food as planned.

Motion by Fenton, seconded by Fincham, to immediately certify the minutes of the March 4, 2025 Community Events Committee.

Motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Fenton, Smith, Fincham, Boettcher, Como
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte, Granger

Motion by Fenton, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM. Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita O'Farrell
Recording Secretary