

GPW 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
07-14-25

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Motschall
Staff Members: Como, Korte
ABSENT: McConaghy, Schulte

Also Present: City Clerk Antolin

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Gafa, that Committee Members McConaghy and Schulte be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

Motion by Granger, seconded by Brown, that the 75th Anniversary Committee approve the meeting minutes of 10/07/24, 12/16/24, and 03/03/25 as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

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The first item discussed was regarding the updates and continuation of prioritization of the 75th Anniversary Ideas List dated July 11, 2025.

Member Como provided updates for the following:

First Priorities:

1. Inside Grosse Pointe magazine will publish story in July/August Issue
2. Logos are being forwarded to businesses for cross promotion
3. Promotion of 75th Anniversary has been placed on city website
4. Ongoing use of 75th Anniversary logo where appropriate
5. 75th Anniversary tiles completed
6. 75th Anniversary party tied in with Music on the lawn, to include food, balloons, face painting, chalk, and a big photo drop with a photographer (videographer)

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the Committee receive and place on file the Video Production Agreement between Visual Cake LLC, and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,
No: None
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

7. 75th Birthday Celebration Reception featuring opening of time capsule, run recorded messages on projection screen and bury new time capsule; collecting current year items for time capsule including pictures, significant event items, etc.
8. Solicit ideas for time capsule from residents through Happenings eblast
9. Ford Estate offered free day entry for GPW residents. (Sunday, September 21, 2025)
10. Public Safety 75th Anniversary badge and coin has been ordered

2nd Priorities

11. No 75th Parade, suggestion to piggyback on Santa Parade, use canvas or plywood to use for surface to paint; we will not supply canvas to schools, tile decorating contest and a suggestion to create mural of tiles

3rd Priorities

12. Remove Photo Contest from list
13. "75" Fitness Challenges – looking for recommendations for prizes and awards, trophies were suggested
14. Cruisin' Through the Woods – event t-shirts were given to participants
15. 75th Anniversary T-Shirts will be created
16. Time capsule currently on display at city hall

17. Display photos throughout city hall with historic/modern images including aerial photos

Member Korte continued the updates:

18. Interviews with residents to take place during the July 25 Music on the Lawn event, Video Cake LLC will edit with questions to include: “Why do you live in GPW?” or “What do you love about GPW?”, etc.; Highlight community events such as synchronized swimming or involve local businesses to participate
19. Remove 75th floral display from the list
20. Reach out to local art group to consider participation for “Spirit of GPW” art installation
21. Tree Commission 75 saplings/bucket trees giveaway to consider last Saturday in September
22. Year in review scrap book in progress
23. Community Art Wall will be pursued
24. Photo Display is still under consideration
25. Remove Community Shout Outs from the list
26. Hob Nobbin’ with Goblins to consider chocolate coins to giveaway
27. Woods Aglow to consider giveaway for select children (keys)
28. Senior Citizen Holiday Social to consider additional giveaways

It was suggested to create a Sock Hop 1950 Theme at Fall Fest, to include a costume contest and check if the band can play a Doo-Woop set for the event.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the Committee immediately certify tonight’s meeting minutes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Granger, that the meeting of the GPW 75th Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor