

GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
10-07-24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 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 8:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy
Staff Members: Como, Korte, Schulte
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Clerk Antolin

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, 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, McConaghy, Schulte
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that the appointment to the 75th Anniversary Committee shall include Mayor Bryant, City Council, City Administrator Schulte, Assistant City Administrator Como, and Communications Coordinator Korte.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item was Discussion of 75th Anniversary Events.

Mayor Bryant provided background on how the 50th Anniversary was recognized and stated that the actual anniversary date is December 11, 2025. The following activities were proposed:

- Music on the Lawn in July, turning that into the “Summer Celebration”.
- Opening of the Time Capsule in December and replace items with 2025 items.

The Communications Coordinator presented her preliminary list of items which includes:

- Recognize homes/businesses with signs stating “Here/Built in 1950”.
- Provide official logo to businesses so they can cross-promote & provide style guide.
- Birthday party, drones, fireworks, cake, entertainment.
- Photo contest w/Grand Winner recognized.
- Launch a social media page.
- 75 for 75 fitness challenge.
- Host a 7.5k run/bike/walk.
- Plant 75 trees with commemorative markers.
- Have 75th Anniversary logo on appropriate materials.
- Hang street banners.
- Fundraise through sales of a commemorative t-shirt, with money going to the GPW Foundation.
- Apply for a national gold medal award from NERPA for excellence in parks and recreation management.
- Create a display at public library or School House with historical artifacts. Feature a combination of vintage and modern photos of homes/businesses.
- Celebrate anyone born on December 11 as that is the anniversary date.
- Create a wall displaying resident-made tiles.

Additional ideas were discussed among Committee Members:

- Ways to include the 75th logo, and/or add “established in 1950” to current logo.
- Poster contest with various age groups.
- Ask residents to submit videos, photos, interviews and include that as a Movie Night at the July celebration.

The Communications Coordinator will create and distribute a list of activities/events for the next meeting.

The next item discussed was the GPW 75th Anniversary Logo Sample Banners.

Discussion ensued around the color schemes, designs, and fonts presented. The sample banners will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor suggested the Committee meet after Council meetings.

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

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Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the GPW 75th Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 9:06 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor