

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
January 21, 2020
Committee Approved February 18, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT David Byers (via phone), Juan Daniel Castro, Holly Jacoby (via phone), Larry Titley, Rick Stevens, Tommie Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT Annamarie Buller

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT Zoe Post, Dennis Sturtevant

Troy Zapolski, Inner Circle Holdings

The meeting was convened at 9:04 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of December 17, 2019 were approved by motion of Larry Titley, supported by Rick Stevens and carried unanimously.**

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEW The committee interviewed board candidate Troy Zapolski, who served on the Dwelling Place board from 2002-2012 and has been looking forward to returning to nonprofit multi-family housing. Mr. Zapolski has a background in real estate finance and property management and currently serves on the Fair Housing Center Board. If invited to the board, Mr. Zapolski hopes to serve on the RED & Asset Management Committee to help develop innovative approaches to addressing homelessness in West Michigan.

After the interview, the committee noted that though adding board members who fit CHDO compliance requirements is a priority, adding the two current board candidates will not affect the number of board members needed to fulfill these requirements. **Motion to recommend Troy Zapolski and Lee Nelson Weber to the Board of Directors was made by Rick Stevens, supported by Larry Titley, and carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT PROCESS Mr. Castro shared a diagram outlining the committee recruitment process, which requires the board to approve all board committee members. After the Governance Committee vets and recommends a candidate, ratification of the meeting minutes by the full board will constitute approval of the candidates.

BOARD CANDIDATE NAME LIST Two lists of board candidates—one of Dwelling Place residents, one with other community leaders—were reviewed. After some discussion, the committee decided to contact Nicole Macpherson, a Dwelling Place commercial tenant, to gauge her interest in serving on the board.

Mr. Sturtevant pointed out that for an individual to fit CHDO criteria, they must: reside in a low-income census tract, have a low income, or represent a neighborhood group from a low-income census tract. It does not require that this person be a Dwelling Place resident. To expand the search, Mr. Sturtevant will draft a strategy to reach out to community connections that the committee will review at the next meeting. Ms. Post will also contact Michael Butchko regarding census tract information.

**REVIEW OF
TASKS/IDEAS LIST
FOR 2020**

The committee reviewed a list of governance tasks for 2020, including a spending plan for the EIG award (\$10,000 for DEI work with Steve Robbins), a board member sociogram of community connections, and increasing collaboration and connection between the Dwelling Place Board and other local organizations.

**2019 BOARD
ATTENDANCE**

An attendance “report card” will be distributed at the February board meeting; further discussion is tabled for the next committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Governance Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.