

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 12, 2019

*Approved April 9, 2019*

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Annamarie Buller, David Byers (via phone), Juan Daniel Castro, Francine Gaston, Richard Stevens, Larry Titley, Renee Williams (via phone)

**STAFF PRESENT** Zoe Post, Dennis Sturtevant

The meeting was convened at 8:06 AM by Ms. Buller.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **Minutes of the Dwelling Place Executive Committee meeting of January 8, 2019 were approved by motion of Larry Titley, supported by Rick Stevens and carried unanimously.**

**NEIGHBORWORKS 2018 OHTS PERFORMANCE REPORT** After NeighborWorks' triennial review, Dwelling Place again received an exemplary (highest possible) rating. As the review is based heavily on production and Dwelling Place will see the completion of several projects in 2019, next year's numbers are expected to be even better than this year.

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEER DAY** Amy Henderson, the volunteer coordinator, and other employees are organizing opportunities for staff and Board members to volunteer in the community. Considerations over what and how many projects to do, in what area of Grand Rapids to do them, and whether or not to hold the event(s) on a weekend or commit company time during the week are all currently part of the planning process.

**UPDATES** **Heartside White Paper update**  
The Heartside Neighborhood White Paper convenings have been growing in impact, and discussions with major Grand Rapids players have yielded the identification of barriers to economic development and behavioral health on Division Ave. Plans to gather specific groups—local business leaders, for example— to address each of these areas are underway. These conversations have already connected many different sectors and led to opportunities for increased collaboration around existing initiatives including an upcoming meeting to discuss a potential FUSE project led by Mercedes Brown of the Corporation for Supportive Housing. A potential Sober Housing initiative is also being considered.

**Project Updates**

Harrison Park: about 25% complete; completion date around October 2020.

Pine Avenue: asbestos removal is complete and building will soon be demolished; slated to be completed November of 2020.

Ferguson: renovation starts in September; Relocation of current residents will be one of the most significant challenges in this initiative because of the large number who will need to be relocated and the limited availability of temporary housing options in the community. .

Plaza Roosevelt: in design planning stage with community beneficiaries group; hoping to break ground in September.

St. James: finished and completely leased up.

Garfield Lofts: about 40% complete and set to finish by the end of 2020.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Sturtevant shared the new Board Application from the Governance Sub-committee; the Committee decided to distribute the document to all Board members for their review and include the edited version in the April Board packet.

Mr. Sturtevant handed out and explained to the Committee the 2019 business plan document sent in to NeighborWorks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Executive Committee entered closed session at 9:20 AM to discuss the CEO evaluation.