

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
December 17, 2019
Committee Approved January 21, 2020

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Annamarie Buller, David Byers, Juan Daniel Castro, Holly Jacoby (via phone), Larry Titley, Tommie Wallace
- MEMBERS ABSENT** Rick Stevens
- STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT** Zoe Post, Dennis Sturtevant, Lee Nelson Weber
- The meeting was convened at 9:00 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of November 19, 2019 were approved by motion of Larry Titley, supported by Annamarie Buller and carried unanimously.
- BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEW** The committee interviewed Ms. Weber, former Neighborhood Initiatives Director at the Dyer-Ives Foundation. In addition to her background in neighborhood and community organizing, Ms. Weber is a Grand Rapids native and is well connected to the community, currently serving on the board at Next Step West Michigan and LINC UP. She is interested in Dwelling Place's creation of a CLT and viewing housing as an economic development issue. Ms. Weber expressed interest in serving on the Governance or Finance Committees, though she would leave it to the organization to determine an area of best fit.
- STEVE ROBBINS INCLUSION INITIATIVES** Mr. Sturtevant, Mr. Castro, and Justin Rhodes, Dwelling Place HR Manager, will meet with Mr. Robbins to discuss how Dwelling Place might engage his services. He is excited about working with the organization.
- BOARD CANDIDATE FEEDBACK** The committee reviewed feedback from current board members on Troy Zapolski and Ms. Weber. Committee members concurred with the positive comments regarding the candidates' skills and talents, and will make a recommendation to the board at its January meeting, following an interview with Mr. Zapolski.
- REVIEW OF TASKS/IDEAS LIST FOR 2020** After briefly reviewing the list of governance tasks, the committee added two more items: a board book club and adding an agency director or social worker as a future board member. The committee will review the list further and prioritize the tasks at its February meeting.
- COMMITTEE EVALUATION** As all board committee chairs are part of the Governance Committee, Ms. Buller will ask Rich Kogelschatz to join the Governance Committee at the January meeting to discuss committee recruitment.
- OTHER BUSINESS** Ms. Post distributed a list of potential board candidates for the committee to consider based on the 2019 "40 Under 40 Business Leaders" list from the Grand Rapids Business Journal. In addition, Mr. Sturtevant will ask staff for recommendations for resident board candidates and provide the committee with a list at the next meeting.
- ADJOURNMENT** The Governance Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.