

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
February 18, 2020
Committee Approved March 17, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT David Byers (via phone), Juan Daniel Castro, Larry Titley, Rick Stevens, Tommie Wallace, Lee Nelson Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT Annamarie Buller, Holly Jacoby

STAFF & GUESTS PRESENT Zoe Post, Dennis Sturtevant

The meeting was convened at 9:01 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of January 21, 2020 were approved by motion of Larry Titley, supported by Tommie Wallace and carried unanimously.

MENTORS FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS In alignment with Dwelling Place governance policies, all new board members will be given the opportunity to connect with a mentor. Mr. Titley offered to act as mentor to Ms. Nelson Weber, and Ms. Post will contact the board to ask for volunteers to mentor Mr. Zapolski.

POTENTIAL RESIDENT BOARD CANDIDATES The Committee reviewed several names of potential board candidates: Nicole MacPherson, Synia Jordan, Marty Clark, and Eleanor Moreno. Based on correspondence with Andre Butler and Michael Butchko regarding the maps NeighborWorks uses to determine the income/census tract requirements, each of the candidates fit the necessary geographic criteria. If there are no objections when these names are circulated to the full board, the Committee will approach the candidates to gauge their interest. Motion to send the candidate list to the board for consideration was made by Larry Titley, supported by Rick Stevens, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Sturtevant is compiling a list of partner organizations and contacts to approach when searching for new board members. He will distribute this list to the board for feedback.

EIG WORK PLAN After reviewing the EIG work plan, the Committee noted that the identified goals were either complete or nearing completion. An inclusion event for the board that is informed by the DEI meeting with Steve Robbins may occur some time in the next quarter. Justin Rhodes will schedule a date for the event with Mr. Robbins. Mr. Sturtevant will contact Michael Butchko regarding a board survey for 2020. The plan will not be included in the next meeting agenda.

2019 BOARD ATTENDANCE Upon reviewing the attendance sheet from 2019, the Committee noted that some board members fell below the 75% average attendance threshold. Ms. Buller will discuss appropriate responses with these members.

OTHER BUSINESS Two additional names were added to the list of potential board members: Richard Yidana of GVSU and Rebeca Velazquez-Publes of Urban Core. Jenn Schaub and Ms. Buller also met to discuss several candidates for the Resident Engagement Committee. All these names will be sent to the full board for

review before the Governance Committee approaches them for service on the board or a committee.

To expedite this process in the future, **a recommendation that the Governance Committee be authorized to make appointments for board committees was made by motion of Tommie Wallace, supported by Rick Stevens, and carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

The Governance Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM by Juan Daniel Castro.