DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
December 15, 2020
Committee Approved January 20, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT Juan Daniel Castro, Rick Stevens, Lee Nelson Weber

MEMBERS ABSENT David Byers

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT Zoe Post, Denny Sturtevant

Kim Sims

The meeting convened via conference call at 9:07 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting of November 17, 2020 were approved by consensus.**

Given the pending resignation of David Byers from the Dwelling Place Board of Directors, the committee rescinded the recommendation to appoint him to the CLT Board of Directors. Holly Jacoby has also resigned from the committee.

BOARD CANDIDATE INTERVIEW After some brief introductions, Kim Sims expressed her interest in and appreciation for Dwelling Place's work in Muskegon Heights, describing it as a "big nonprofit with a grassroots feel." Ms. Sims described the unique housing needs in the area, stressing the need for public and private collaboration in developing trust with the community. As the former mayor of Muskegon Heights, Ms. Sims is familiar with barriers to housing that prevent families from accessing the resources they need.

After some discussion, **motion to recommend Ms. Sims to the Dwelling Place Board of Directors was made by Rick Stevens, supported by Lee Nelson Weber, and carried unanimously.**

DWELLING PLACE BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON The committee discussed the need to fill the vacant officer positions on the board, Mr. Stevens reminding everyone that the positions are only temporary and will be reevaluated at the annual meeting in June. After considerable discussion, **the committee agreed by consensus to recommend Renee Williams as the Vice Chairperson and Sadie Erickson as the Treasurer (in addition to her role as Secretary) for the remainder of the one-year term.**

As there have been several new board members in the last year, Mr. Castro will prepare materials regarding Excellence in Governance principles to discuss at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS Mr. Sturtevant will meet with new board members Lela Lyons and Kellie Kitchen to discuss onboarding and technology needs.

ADJOURNMENT The Governance Committee meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.