

DWELLING PLACE OF GRAND RAPIDS
RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
September 15, 2021
Committee Approved October 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT Annamarie Buller, Aaron Estrada, Stacie Petersen

MEMBERS ABSENT Dondrea Brown, Kellie Kitchen

STAFF PRESENT Kim Cross, Jeremy DeRoo, Rasheedah Gillespie-Muhammad, Heather Ibrahim, Zoe Post, Mitchell Sevigny, Latrisha Sosebee, Alonda Trammell

The meeting was convened via video conference at 10:05 AM by Ms. Buller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES **Minutes of the March 18, 2021 and August 18, 2021 Resident Engagement Committee meetings were approved by consensus.**

VOLUNTEER UPDATE This summer, Dwelling Place has hosted 8 volunteer events with 56 new volunteers, 144 volunteer hours, and several new and developing community connections. Events included door-knocking at the new Brillante apartments, a cleanup event for Dwelling Place board members, and several welcome home basket collections. Curb appeal assessments are planned for this fall.

SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE Now that Resident Services Coordinators (RSCs) are back in the office, several support services events have been planned. Ms. Trammell described a life skills curriculum designed in conjunction with United Bank that will begin in October. The 4-week series will center around credit reporting, lending practices, and other financial areas in which residents previously indicated their interest. The next series will connect residents to primary care providers with help from GVSU nursing students. Dwelling Place also recently received a NeighborWorks technology grant that will allow RSCs to work with residents on a laptop to help submit certification paperwork, attend telehealth appointments, and assist with other needs.

HEARTSIDE HISTORIC MURAL SERIES All five murals in the Heartside historic mural series have been completed. Ms. Sosebee presented photos of the final pieces, all of which celebrate the diverse history of Grand Rapids. Walking tours for the murals will be scheduled in October and photos added to the Dwelling Place website.

DPCLT IN GARFIELD PARK The Dwelling Place CLT recently celebrated its first homebuyer, Kayla, who purchased a home last week. An additional site at 600 Burton would add 47 CLT homes to the neighborhood. There are two community engagement events scheduled in September to elicit feedback on the development.

ADJOURNMENT The Resident Engagement Committee was adjourned at 11:04 AM by Ms. Buller.