



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 06, 2025 at 7:15 PM**

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*Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center - Conference Room  
20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236  
(313) 343-2440*

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Mayor Arthur W. Bryant has called a meeting of the 75th Anniversary Committee for **Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:15 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers/Municipal Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 and is accessible through the Municipal Court doors. In accordance with Public Act 267, the meeting is open to the public and the agenda items are as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Committee Minutes 07/14/25

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. 75th Anniversary Ideas Update

**6. IMMEDIATE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**

**7. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

We welcome comments from residents. If you wish to speak, please state your name and address. You will have a maximum of three (3) minutes to address the Committee. Committee members will listen to your concerns, but will not answer questions. If you have a question or need additional information, we will be happy to direct you to the appropriate person after the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Motschall  
Staff Members: Como, Korte  
ABSENT: McConaghy, Schulte

Also Present: City Clerk Antolin

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Gafa, that Committee Members McConaghy and Schulte be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,  
No: None  
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,  
No: None  
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Brown, that the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee approve the meeting minutes of 10/07/24, 12/16/24, and 03/03/25 as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,  
No: None  
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte



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The first item discussed was regarding the updates and continuation of prioritization of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ideas List dated July 11, 2025.

Member Como provided updates for the following:

First Priorities:

1. Inside Grosse Pointe magazine will publish story in July/August Issue
2. Logos are being forwarded to businesses for cross promotion
3. Promotion of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has been placed on city website
4. Ongoing use of 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo where appropriate
5. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tiles completed
6. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party tied in with Music on the lawn, to include food, balloons, face painting, chalk, and a big photo drop with a photographer (videographer)

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that the Committee receive and place on file the Video Production Agreement between Visual Cake LLC, and the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,  
No: None  
Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

7. 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Reception featuring opening of time capsule, run recorded messages on projection screen and bury new time capsule; collecting current year items for time capsule including pictures, significant event items, etc.
8. Solicit ideas for time capsule from residents through Happenings eblast
9. Ford Estate offered free day entry for GPW residents. (Sunday, September 21, 2025)
10. Public Safety 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary badge and coin has been ordered

2<sup>nd</sup> Priorities

11. No 75<sup>th</sup> Parade, suggestion to piggyback on Santa Parade, use canvas or plywood to use for surface to paint; we will not supply canvas to schools, tile decorating contest and a suggestion to create mural of tiles

3<sup>rd</sup> Priorities

12. Remove Photo Contest from list
13. "75" Fitness Challenges – looking for recommendations for prizes and awards, trophies were suggested
14. Cruisin' Through the Woods – event t-shirts were given to participants
15. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-Shirts will be created
16. Time capsule currently on display at city hall



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17. Display photos throughout city hall with historic/modern images including aerial photos

Member Korte continued the updates:

- 18. Interviews with residents to take place during the July 25 Music on the Lawn event, Video Cake LLC will edit with questions to include: “Why do you live in GPW?” or “What do you love about GPW?”, etc.; Highlight community events such as synchronized swimming or involve local businesses to participate
- 19. Remove 75<sup>th</sup> floral display from the list
- 20. Reach out to local art group to consider participation for “Spirit of GPW” art installation
- 21. Tree Commission 75 saplings/bucket trees giveaway to consider last Saturday in September
- 22. Year in review scrap book in progress
- 23. Community Art Wall will be pursued
- 24. Photo Display is still under consideration
- 25. Remove Community Shout Outs from the list
- 26. Hob Nobbin’ with Goblins to consider chocolate coins to giveaway
- 27. Woods Aglow to consider giveaway for select children (keys)
- 28. Senior Citizen Holiday Social to consider additional giveaways

It was suggested to create a Sock Hop 1950 Theme at Fall Fest, to include a costume contest and check if the band can play a Doo-Woop set for the event.

**Motion** by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the Committee immediately certify tonight’s meeting minutes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Como, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Korte, Motschall,

No: None

Absent: McConaghy, Schulte

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Motschall, seconded by Granger, that the meeting of the GPW 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 8:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



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Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor