



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:15 PM

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

Mayor Arthur W. Bryant has called a meeting of the 75th Anniversary Committee for **Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:15 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers/Municipal Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza Drive, 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 10/07/24, 12/16/24, and 03/03/25

- 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

A. 75th Anniversary Ideas List dated July 11, 2025

- 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-of-the-Whole. 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**

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024, 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 8:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy
Staff Members: Como, Korte, Schulte
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Clerk Antolin

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, 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, McConaghy, Schulte
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Granger, that the appointment to the 75th Anniversary Committee shall include Mayor Bryant, City Council, City Administrator Schulte, Assistant City Administrator Como, and Communications Coordinator Korte.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The next item was Discussion of 75th Anniversary Events.

Mayor Bryant provided background on how the 50th Anniversary was recognized and stated that the actual anniversary date is December 11, 2025. The following activities were proposed:

- Music on the Lawn in July, turning that into the “Summer Celebration”.
- Opening of the Time Capsule in December and replace items with 2025 items.

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The Communications Coordinator presented her preliminary list of items which includes:

- Recognize homes/businesses with signs stating “Here/Built in 1950”.
- Provide official logo to businesses so they can cross-promote & provide style guide.
- Birthday party, drones, fireworks, cake, entertainment.
- Photo contest w/Grand Winner recognized.
- Launch a social media page.
- 75 for 75 fitness challenge.
- Host a 7.5k run/bike/walk.
- Plant 75 trees with commemorative markers.
- Have 75th Anniversary logo on appropriate materials.
- Hang street banners.
- Fundraise through sales of a commemorative t-shirt, with money going to the GPW Foundation.
- Apply for a national gold medal award from NERPA for excellence in parks and recreation management.
- Create a display at public library or School House with historical artifacts. Feature a combination of vintage and modern photos of homes/businesses.
- Celebrate anyone born on December 11 as that is the anniversary date.
- Create a wall displaying resident-made tiles.

Additional ideas were discussed among Committee Members:

- Ways to include the 75th logo, and/or add “established in 1950” to current logo.
- Poster contest with various age groups.
- Ask residents to submit videos, photos, interviews and include that as a Movie Night at the July celebration.

The Communications Coordinator will create and distribute a list of activities/events for the next meeting.

The next item discussed was the GPW 75th Anniversary Logo Sample Banners.

Discussion ensued around the color schemes, designs, and fonts presented. The sample banners will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor suggested the Committee meet after Council meetings.

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

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Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the GPW 75th Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 9:06 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor

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12-16-24

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, 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 7:36 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall
Staff Members: Como, Korte, Schulte
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Clerk Antolin

Motion by McConaghy, 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, McConaghy, Motschall, Schulte
No: None
Absent: None

The first item discussed was regarding the Review and Approval of the 75th Anniversary Banner.

7 versions of the logo were displayed and discussed among the committee members. Version 1, with “75” and “Years” changed to gold print, was favored.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Brown, to approve Version 1, with “75” and “Years” changed to gold print.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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The next item discussed was to Prioritize the 75th Anniversary Ideas List.

Discussion ensued to finalize these items from the Ideas List:

- ✓ Budget of \$15,000
- ✓ Provide logo to businesses to cross promote
- ✓ Throw a birthday party; tie in with Music on the Lawn on Friday, July 29.
 - Cake
 - Ceremony
 - Entertainment
 - Free food
 - Photos
- ✓ Photo Contest - provide required submission date/format to participants
- ✓ Use the website to promote 75th Anniversary news and events
- ✓ “75” Fitness Challenge: run, bike, walk, swim 75 miles or days in a row or total. Document with photos.
- ✓ Host a 7.5K walk/bike/run through the streets of GPW
- ✓ Start using the new circular logo on appropriate materials
- ✓ Hang commemorative banners on lampposts
- ✓ Create a commemorative t-shirt with the 75th Anniversary circular logo. Ask GPW Foundation if they want to do this.
- ✓ Create a Christmas ornament – ties in nicely with the December 11 event
- ✓ Create an interactive display (time capsule in hallway).
- ✓ Display the historical/modern images of residences/businesses. Scan and digitize for website. Hard copy on display throughout tables at July 29 event. Have the digital versions on a loop as well.
- ✓ Invite residents to record a brief (1-2 minutes) message of what GPW means to them; post footage on website and show on a loop on July 29. “Video on the Lawn”.
- ✓ Host a cake reception on December 11, featuring the opening of the Time Capsule; acknowledge residents born on December 11; run footage on projection screen from recorded messages; fill a new Time Capsule to open at the 100th Anniversary.

New ideas discussed:

- Check with GPW Library re: video system for submittal of self-videos, “I love GPW because...”. Possibly contract out the editing.
- Interview City Administration, oldest resident, etc.
- Some content that caters to children.
- Tiles done by residents and mosaic wall. Cost may be prohibitive.
- Sell tiles
- Large white banner/s which school children can decorate and walk with it in a parade.
- Encourage residents to plant flowers in a specific color scheme. City plants a large logo, or other, in a prominent location.
- Involve GPW Commissions – ask for ideas.

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- Tie into the Chamber Guide, or other publications, to feature our anniversary.
- “Calling All Artists” – submit ideas for a permanent art fixture.
- Loop in Avenue of the Woods group.

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

Motion by Motschall, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the GPW 75th Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 8:24 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor

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03-03-25

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 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 7:17 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 Gafa, seconded by Brown, that Councilmember McConaghy 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

The first item was the Continuation of Prioritization and Discussion of the proposed 75th Anniversary Ideas.

Member Como provided updates on current activity:

- A 75th Anniversary E-Blast message has been sent
- Website dedicated to the 75th Anniversary has been created and is active
- The banners are being installed now
- Mr. Heffner, of the Ford House, expressed interest in supporting the anniversary and Member Como is awaiting additional information

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Member Korte reviewed the spreadsheet of ideas and current status:

First Priorities:

1. Grosse Pointe Magazine Editor, Lauren McGregor, has been contacted and there will be a feature on our anniversary. There is a narrative that will be shared with all media outlets for consistent messaging.
2. City Clerk will be provided the logo that can be sent to local businesses in order to cross promote the anniversary. At a recent Avenue in the Woods meeting, members were informed that they would be receiving the logo. All department heads have been provided the logo to use as appropriate.
3. Website has been created and is active.
4. All department heads have received the logo to use as appropriate.
5. Tile samples have been requested from a vendor.
6. Duplicate of #5.
7. 75th Anniversary Party on July 25: plans are underway: ceremony, entertainment, food, photographer. Planning on 600 attendees (same as Fall Fest).
8. 75th Birthday Celebration on December 11: time capsule, projected videos, cake
9. An upcoming Happenings e-blast will solicit ideas to include in the time capsule.
10. Member Como is working with the Ford Estate.
11. Public Safety is creating anniversary challenge coins and badges with their own budget. These will be presented at July 25th or December 11 events based on when they are received. Council members will also get an anniversary badge.

Second Priorities:

12. Blank banners for schools to sign/decorate, walk in Santa Parade, place in time capsule: still in development phase.

Third Priorities:

13. Photo Contest (similar to #18): remove
14. Hosting "75" Fitness Challenge: Citizens' Recreation Commission to manage if willing.
15. 7.5K Walk/Bike/Run: tie into Labor Day bridge walk; Cruisin' Through the Woods; Family Fun Ride, etc.
16. Create t-shirt and/or Christmas ornament: drop the ornament; do get free t-shirts for Cruisin' Through the Woods bike ride. Extra shirts will be available to sell. GPW Foundation will get remaining t-shirts to sell.
17. Creation of interactive display at City Hall: put current time capsule on display.
18. Historical photos: turn over to Historical Commission.
19. "I Love GPW Because" resident video/recorded messages: labor/cost intensive – who can manage this? Contact local school clubs who have this type of experience? Granger will make contact with appropriate people. Consider outsourcing it with a professional? Duration should be 30-45 minutes.
20. Create large "75" floral display: remove
21. Create "Spirit of GPW" permanent art installation:

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22. Give away 75 saplings/bucket trees at Fall Fest: Mayor prefers a price to ensure they are planted vs. free. Turn over to the Tree Commission.

Under New Business, no one wished to be heard.

Under Public Comment, the following individuals were heard:

- Ian Seaman, 19751 E. King Ct. – Experienced cinematographer. Stated that the library has cinematography equipment for rent. He also voiced a concern of private schools getting public funds.
- Tambre Tedesco, 1665 Ford Ct. – Stated that Grosse Pointe North has television production classes and that the Grosse Pointe War Memorial may also have available equipment.

Member Korte will reach out to Kermit Potter for more information regarding video recording equipment.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, 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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the GPW 75th Anniversary Committee be adjourned at 8:21 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor

75th Anniversary Ideas to Celebrate December 11, 2025

UPDATED: 7/11/25

- Budget = \$15,000

1ST PRIORITIES

	IDEA	TIMING / WHO WILL OPERATIONALIZE?	NOTES	PROJECTED COST	STATUS
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact <i>Inside Grosse Pointe</i> magazine to do an anniversary story on us	H. Korte to complete messaging on 2/27 and provide to GPN, GPT, Inside Grosse Pointe; IT to post to website; issue one-off Happenings eblast on 2/28		\$0	Completed: In the recent July-August GP Magazine.
2	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide logo to businesses to cross promote	City Clerk to complete by 3/12/25; include Avenue in the Woods		\$0	7/11: Heidi working on “Logo Use” 1-pager for Clerk’s office to send out to businesses.
3	<input type="checkbox"/> Use the website to promote 75 th Anniversary news and events	Gary Capps to modify website to accommodate logo and message		\$0	75 th logo added to scroll on website with link to message.
4	<input type="checkbox"/> Where appropriate, start using logo on all materials beginning 1/1/25 (i.e., letterhead, website, press releases, etc.)	Heidi Korte to send email to Department Heads and City Council with messaging and logo on 2/28		\$0	Ongoing.
5	<input type="checkbox"/> Produce 75 th anniversary tiles	Administration	Used for new business openings.	6” x 6” w/art = \$20.80 per + cost of framing	Completed. Tiles produced and delivered. Small quantity framed.
6	<input type="checkbox"/> Throw a 75 th Anniversary Party; tie in with Music on the Lawn on Friday, July 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ceremony○ Entertainment○ Free food○ Hire photographer	*Ceremony: Heidi to create speaking points for Art *Entertainment: CEC selected Mainstream Drive *Food: National Coney Island to serve 600 ppl a coney dog, chips, and drink *Photographer: Visual Cake (videographer) and Heidi Korte	Saving cake for 12/11 Cake Reception	Ceremony: \$0 Entertainment: \$1,200 Food: \$4,800 Photographer: \$140	The following has been secured: Food/Balloon Maker/face painters/chalk/photographer.

7	<input type="checkbox"/> Host a 75 th Birthday Celebration Reception on 12/11 featuring the opening of the current Time Capsule; run footage on projection screen from recorded messages; bury a new Time Capsule to open up at our 100 th Anniversary				Planning in progress.
8	<input type="checkbox"/> Put request in Happenings eblast for ideas to include in Time Capsule			\$0	Planning in progress.
9	<input type="checkbox"/> Ford Estate has offered free entry (no purchased pass required) to GPW residents				7/11/25: Follow up email sent to Britta & Tommy re: collaboration w/Ford Estate. 4/30 Mayor & Sue met w/Mark, Britta & Tommy. They will be following up w/us in the near future w/idea(s).
10	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety will create a 75 th Anniversary police officer badge and a challenge coin using their own budget	Department of Public Safety: John Kosanke Badge design done; making final touches to challenge coin; production takes 2-1/2 months		\$0	Badges/coins ordered.


2ND PRIORITIES

11	<input type="checkbox"/> Provide schools with blank banner so schoolkids can sign/decorate; walk them in parade/s; place in Time Capsule		Remove “walk them in parade/s”		Follow up w/Committee if they still want to pursue.
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3RD PRIORITIES

12	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invite residents and business to submit photos that capture the essence of GPW: events, locations, scenery, history, etc. 				Will not pursue this idea.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Select Grand Prize winner in those categories ○ Recognize winners at Birthday Party ○ Display images at City Hall ○ Specify format and that all photos are property of City of GPW and will not be returned 				
13	<input type="checkbox"/> Involve our residents with a “75” Fitness Challenge: run, bike, walk, swim 75 miles or days in a row or total. Have them document their journey with photos	Citizens Recreation Commission	Approximately 5.4 times around the entire path=7.5K. This would also change if the pedestrian bridge is in use and which route a person chooses.		In progress. Commission launched 75 Days of Summer Fitness Challenge on June 20. Residents have until 9/22 to complete 75 activities and submit fitness log to earn prizes that will be presented at Fall Fest on 10/4.
14	<input type="checkbox"/> Host a 7“5K” Walk/Bike/Run through the streets of GPW. Involve local business Hansen’s Running Shop to design/facilitate. This is a fantastic way to achieve community involvement with those participating and those cheering the participants on.	Citizens Recreation Commission	Drop the 5K run; combine with the Cruisin’ Through the Woods Family Fun Ride on Sunday, June 1		Completed. 75 th logo t-shirts given to participants who attended the Cruisin’ Through the Woods.
15	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a commemorative t-shirt and/or Christmas ornament and fundraise through sales to benefit the GPW Foundation	Administration	Drop the ornament idea; won’t be a fundraiser for GPW Foundation.		T-shirts have been created/delivered. Will be free giveaways at the Labor Day Bridge Walk on 9/1.
16	<input type="checkbox"/> Create an interactive display at City Hall/Community Center with artifacts, images, and the <i>current</i> Time Capsule (secured with vintage lock/chains)				Time capsule on display in Community Center hall.

17	<input type="checkbox"/> Where we have them, display the historical/modern images of residences/businesses; potentially hire a photographer to take the modern photos. Check the basement for historical photos	Historical Commission			Per Mayor: Use photos throughout city hall/etc.
18	<input type="checkbox"/> Invite residents to record a brief (30 second) message of “I love Grosse Pointe Woods because”; post footage on website and show at 75 th Birthday Celebration Reception on 12/11; film in front of branded backdrop; Woods Library has professional sound booth; use SignUp Genius for residents to schedule themselves; investigate cost of video editor to compile; include interviews with city leaders; oldest residents				First interviews will take place in the Lake Room during Music on the Lawn 75 th Anniversary Summer Celebration on July 25.
19	<input type="checkbox"/> Create large “75” floral installation per photo example; Rachelle Koester of BAC likes SunPatiens, which come in a variety of colors from lavender to pink to red and shades in between				Will not pursue this idea.
20	<input type="checkbox"/> Create a “Spirit of GPW” art installation; ask artists in the community for ideas		Use missprinted tiles.		Consider putting up the tiles painted at Springfest and 7/25 Music on the Lawn in the community ctr hall. Committee needs to determine winners’ selection process and prizes.

ADDED

21	<input type="checkbox"/> Give away 75 saplings/bucket trees at Fall Fest on 10/4	Tree Commission	Mayor followed up with Tree Commission chair who requests a tree giveaway in September.		Awaiting 75th Committee approval
22	<input type="checkbox"/> A Year in Review Scrap Book	Sue / Heidi			In progress.
23	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Art Wall		Invite attendees to paint a canvas or large piece of primed plywood to be displayed at City Hall/Lake Front Park/Chene Trombley/elsewhere and display at 12/11 celebration.		Awaiting 75th Committee approval
24	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Display		Create a path with enlarged historic photos of the city. Add QR codes that link to photo info.		Awaiting City Council approval
25	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Shout Outs		Between sets at Music on the Lawn & Fall Fest, announce birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Residents could fill out a survey prior to event to submit their info.		Awaiting 75th Committee approval
26	<input type="checkbox"/> Hob Nobbin' with Goblins		Distribute 75 th Anniversary logo wrapped Hershey candy bars.		Awaiting 75th Committee approval
27	<input type="checkbox"/> Woods Aglow		Provide Key to the City to each of the kids who flip with light switch on plus put one in the Time Capsule.		Awaiting 75th Committee approval
28	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizen Holiday Social		Extra giveaways		Awaiting 75th Committee approval