

Grand Beach Village Hall Committee Minutes
April 13, 2024
10:00 am ET/9:00 am CT

1. The Grand Beach Village Hall meeting was called to order by Mike Elliott at 10:05 ET/9:05 CT on April 13, 2024.
2. Roll call was taken with Mike Elliott (Chair), Nancy Buckely, Patrick Coyne, Molly Galbo, and Colleen Healy in attendance. Molly Newell and Martyn Smith were absent.
3. Patrick moved and Nancy seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Patrick moved and Nancy seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2024 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Workshop #4 Discussion
 - A discussion was held regarding the need for a purpose statement for this committee as discussed at the previous meeting. The committee members felt it was not needed.
 - Mike provided a summary of the concept of “The Third Place” and the “Blue Zone.” The concept for “The Third Place” has been used by places like Starbucks coffee shops. The idea was originally developed by Ray Oldenburg in the early 1990s. “A third place is a familiar public spot where you regularly connect with others known and unknown, over a shared interest or activity.” [What Is A Third Place? \(And Here’s Why You Should Have One\) - The Good Trade](#) The Grand Beach Village Hall spaces could be considered that “Third Place.” The concept of Blue Zones relates to areas of the world that were noted for the longevity of their residents. It talks about a high quality of life that includes exercise and social networking as key elements of the resident’s lifestyle. Can these concepts relate to life in Grand Beach? Just some thoughts.
 - Mike described the condition of the electrical outlets on the building adjacent to the patio and the recommendation to bring these up to code with GFI protection and weather covers. His description also included updating the exterior lighting along the balcony area for increased safety on the balcony.

- The group reviewed the proposed updates to the pendant light fixtures within the second-floor space. The intent is to replace the existing ivory colored glass shields with new clear beaded glass shields and clear LED filament bulbs. This will provide a more updated appearance and brighter light source from the existing fixtures. The group unanimously agreed with the update.
- The group reviewed the Village Hall Action Plan document which has been formatted to align with the Master Plan document. Some committee members were not present in the past when they were originally discussed so each of the items were reviewed. The following is a summary of the discussion and proposed revisions:
 - A few more suggestions were added to the category of building community including utilizing more volunteer staffed activities, improving communication methods to share activities and solicit volunteers, outdoor movie events, and live music on the lawn.
 - The recommendation for the Village to purchase new comfortable interior chairs was discussed. The sample chair was reviewed. There was a discussion as to the seat material and color of the chair frame. The conclusion was to recommend a leather-like material for the seating surface and a brown metal chair frame.
 - At the meeting held on March 16, the group that was present was in support of the idea to update the names of the various spaces in the Village Hall area. Some names such as *Maintenance Building*, *Police Department*, and the *Pro Shop* make sense. Consideration was given to the following titles.
 - *Pavilion* – upper level of the Village Hall building.
 - *Village Office* - lower level of the building, also a small meeting room
 - *Grand Lawn* – the grass directly in front of the building, between the driveways
 - *Village Center or Grand Beach Campus* – the entire area

There was discussion back and forth on this idea with strong opposition as to why we would change the name of the building spaces. It has always been called the Village Hall, so why would we change it. It was agreed that there should be exterior signage designating the area as Grand Beach – Village Center. The

agreed concept would be to install the sign at the end of the lawn area near the road. Consistent signage on the building should also be considered.

- A discussion took place by the members regarding the request by the pro shop for security cameras both inside and outside of the pro shop. It was also requested that a camera be placed to monitor the golf carts and the driving range. The committee felt it is important for the patio to be monitored as well. Contact will be made with Chief Layman for his advice. It may not be possible to cover the driving range as it is too far away from the building. It was agreed to add the request to the Action Plan.
- It was noted that there is a significant lack of storage in the Village Hall. Mike explained the concept of reconfiguring the first-floor meeting room to add storage closets for placement and display of the Grand Beach historical documents and other items. An area would be maintained to be used for small meetings. The intent would be that Council Meetings will be held on the second floor in the future. There were concerns expressed that the Social Club utilizes the second-floor space for a good portion of the year and that there would be conflicts with using the space for Council Meetings. It was noted that the use of the space will need to be coordinated.
- The group agreed that creating an access between the large upper patio and lower patio level would be strongly recommended to make patio accessible for regular use.
- A motion was made by Molly Galbo and seconded by Patrick to approve all four items listed below to be presented to the Council as recommendations from this committee for their approval at their meeting on April 17, 2024. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - Purchase 100 new banquet chairs for the second-floor space.
 - Purchase new light globes and LED bulbs for the second-floor fixtures.
 - Purchase and install screen fencing for the building generator and garbage cans at both the upper and lower levels of the building.

- Complete electrical repairs on exterior of Village Hall and install new exterior light fixtures.
 - Purchase and install new bistro string lighting over the upper patio.
 - A reminder was given that donations are now being accepted to fund POLYwood furniture for the patio. Contact Diane Cody with questions.
6. Upcoming Village Hall Committee Meeting:
- a. Saturday, April 27, 10:00 am Eastern, 9:00 am Central
7. Upcoming Council Meetings:
- a. Wednesday, April 17
 - b. Wednesday, May 15
8. There was no public comment.
9. Nancy moved and Patrick seconded the motion to adjourn at 11:10. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Mike Elliott

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Elliott", followed by a period.

Date: April 21, 2024