

**Village of Grand Beach**  
**Master Plan Task Force Meeting**

**January 6, 2024**

**2:30 pm CST/3:30 pm EST**

The Meeting was called to Order by Diane Cody at 2:30 pm CST.

Roll Call was taken: David Manecke; John Hoover; Nancy Wendling; Ross Kerr; Harry Walder; Diane Cody; Jerry Dyson; and Ed Trainor with absentees being: Paul Leonard; and Bob Barnes.

Agenda was approved with motion by Jerry Dyson, seconded by Ross Kerr. Unanimous approval.

Minutes of 9-9-23 were approved with motion by Ed Trainor, seconded by Jerry Dyson. Unanimous approval.

**Workshop #8**

Review the Action Plan based on the input from the Town Hall Meeting the morning of January 6, 2024.

Diane stated that the only consultant input to date after their review of the draft Action Plan was minor wordsmithing on “Zoning” and “Land Use”.

The Task Force then reviewed the comments left on the Action Plan posters.

**A special note regarding the items on the Action Plan. The items/objectives were placed in the Action Plan because they were the priorities of the homeowners who completed Survey Two. These items cannot be removed from this list by the Master Planning Task Force. Only the Council can take action on Action Plan items.**

	Objective	Comments	Task Force Response
1a	Enhance and maintain the residential character of Grand Beach.	Limit the number of permits open at the same time.	Discussed and decided to be a legal issue that the Task Force will refer to the Village Council
1c	Enact an ordinance to protect trees; no clear cutting of lots, cut vines that choke trees. Consider removal of trees that are a clear and present danger.	Negotiate with power company to trim trees	Village already does this
		It was suggested to remove dead branches, etc. from trees on private property overhanging the public spaces.	Tree ordinance is on the next agenda for the Council meeting
		Require tree replacement when a tree is removed	Tree ordinance will be discussed at next Council meeting

1d	Establish a committee to study the use of the Village Hall and its immediate surrounding space as a drawing point for the community.	No restaurants. No private or commercial. Love to grab a burger and cocktail with neighbors. Adding outside furniture, etc. will add maintenance. Work with Social Club on this. Not everyone belongs to Social Club.	Comments will be forwarded to Village Hall Committee
1		Continue working on Viewing Platforms to create natural meetings points.	Comments will be forwarded to Parks and Rec Committee
2a	Create an exploratory ongoing committee to determine options to improve/bring back beaches.	Remove rocks from beach.	Comments will be forwarded to Parks and Rec Committee.
		Bring back stairs to beach at Royal, Ely and Oak.	Comments will be forwarded to Parks and Rec Committee.
		Add a Pier to access the lake.	This will be forwarded to the Parks and Rec Committee but this does not seem feasible.
		DNR and Corps of Engineers should pay to restore beaches.	There is a possible lawsuit to cause this to happen.
	Belongs to goal 4	Power wash the current playground equipment.	Comments will be forwarded to Parks and Rec Committee.
3a	Replace, repair, and maintain roads (GB cost + possible grant money) and implement an on-going maintenance program.	This is first priority.	Agreed. Comment will be passed on to the Roads Committee
		Most significant grants for roads are typically granted to economically deprived areas	True
3b	Investigate solutions to E. Coli in White Creek. Determine if Grand Beach can take any actions to address the contamination of the creek.	Many comments about this, why and how this has occurred and one comment that it is a waste of money to address this.	If this is a solvable problem, it should be addressed and currently Ed Trainor and Pete Doerr are researching this.
3d	The pier (off Whitewood Beach) should be made available to the public for	Only open it to GB residents.	The Taks Force believes it is a legal issue and the Village cannot open it only to GB residents.

	viewing (should it be open or closed)		
		There is great liability to have it open	The liability needs to be evaluated by the Village Attorney and insurance company. Refer to Council.
3e	Add 4 handicapped parking spaces on the second floor of Village Hall due to the lack of an elevator in the building.	Add elevator	Cost of \$300,000. Will be referred to Village Hall Comm
		Driving on upper-level road is dangerous	There would be a protective bollard installation along this road.
3f	Continue improved Village signage of speed limits, stop signs, traffic signs, beach entrance signs, etc.	Cost too high. Cost to low.	No comment
		Place dog sign (clean up after your dog) as you enter GB	Refer to Police Committee as a signage question
3g	Insulate the interior of the maintenance building and paint the exterior.	Scored low in the survey	Scored above cutoff score. This is considered routine maintenance of infrastructure
3h	Build new sidewalks and repair old sidewalks on several streets. Exact plan for new sidewalks to be proposed by Village Council.	People did not want in past survey.	Not relevant
		Many people walk in groups.	True
		Costs too much money.	Cost is a function of what the Council actually decides to do about where to install sidewalks. Some current sidewalks are in terrible shape and either need to be removed or replaced as they could be considered dangerous. It will be passed on to Streets Committee.
		Low priority	Scored above cutoff score.
		Depends on where new sidewalks are placed.	Agreed
		Do not put on private property	Agreed
4	a, b, c, e, f: all recreational items (golf, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, basketball, etc.)	There were a variety of negative comments about building pickle ball courts and a	When the Village decides whether or not to proceed with any of these items, the

		number of positive comments. Similar opposing views about the tennis courts and basketball and volleyball courts.	Council will need to address these concerns. Will be passed on to Council.
		Increase a variety of golf fees to cover the cost of improvements to the golf course	Will pass on to Golf Comm
4d	Create immediate spaces and activities for members of the entire community to meet and socialize by creating patio space on second floor of Village Hall, purchase patio furniture, pizza oven, hot dog/sausage warmer, etc.	A number of people just wrote the word "no".	This was an item that scored high enough on Survey Two to make the cut into the Action Plan. It will remain in the action plan
		There was a comment to add a security camera to the upper level hall.	Seems like a good idea, will be passed on to the Village Hall Committee.
		Should work with the social club	Two or more social club members are on the Village Hall Committee.
		No public restaurants	Will pass on to the Village Hall Comm
		No liquor license. Would like a buy a drink.	Will pass on to the Village Hall Comm
		Would like furniture on the patio.	Will pass on to the Village Hall Comm
		Place a camera on the outside of the Village Hall toward the patio.	Will pass on to the Village Hall Comm Seems like a good idea
5a	Improved regular/timely communication between the Village and the homeowners.	Record Zoom meetings and place on website	This will be referred to the Council
5b	Enforce Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance that took effect January 1, 2023.	What happens with STR fees that are not used to pay for inspections?	These fees accrue to the General Fund to be used on costs associated with STRs.
		What happens to excess funds in the Building Inspection Fund.	These funds can only be used to pay for costs associated with building inspections which is how they are used.
		No Bed and Breakfast in GB	PC has no plans at this time to consider Bed and Breakfasts.

The Timeline for the next steps was discussed. Ed Trainor pointed out that the Task Force has not actually reviewed the full draft of the Master Plan as of the meeting. There was discussion on how to accomplish this without delaying the current timeline which didn't seem possible.

No action was taken to approve the draft Master Plan at this time.

There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm CST. Moved by Jerry Dyson, seconded by Nancy Wendling. Passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Diane Cody.

Signature Diane Cody

Date 1/10/24