

AGENDA

GOAL 3 ALLIANCE



Board Members:

Kristen Bennett • Jim Botts • Trey Conner • Meegan Joyce • Hank Kelly • Ryan Kilpatrick •
SuLin Kotowicz • Nikos Monoyios • Kara Peltier • Andrew Queenan • Dave Riley • Breese Stam

December 19, 2018

3:00 – 4:00 PM

29 Pearl Street, NW Suite #1

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Minutes- November 28,2018
3. Downtown Transit Shelters
4. Alliance Member Discussion





DOWNTOWN
GRAND RAPIDS INC.

Goal 3 Alliance

November 28, 2018

1. Call to order: Nikos Monoyios called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm
2. Members Present: SuLin Kotowicz, Meegan Joyce, Nikos Monoyios, Kara Peltier, and Breese Stam, Jim Botts, Trey Conner, Ryan Kilpatrick, Hank Kelley, and Kristin Bennett, and David Riley

Members Absent: Andrew Queenan

Others Present: Conrad Venema (Ride The Rapid), Stephanie Wong, Mark Miller, Kyama Kitavi, Samantha Suarez and Amanda Sloan (DGRI)

3. Approval of Minutes- July 23, 2018 and October 30, 2018
Meegan Joyce motioned to approve July and October meeting minutes, by supported by David Riley. Motion carried.
4. Attendance & Recruitment 2019
Nikos Monoyios thanked members for their continued participation in this alliance and reminded them there is an attendance policy. He stated recruitment efforts for additional members will take place in the near future, if needed.
5. Bus Stop Improvements
Hank Kelly stated Mobile GR has budgeted and approved the investment of \$250,000 in transit stop improvements around Grand Rapids. The Rapid will be matching this investment of \$250k for the next two years for a total of \$500,000. The estimate for a standard bus stop structure is \$10,000 which includes installation. Evaluations are currently underway to determine how many structures might be installed and exactly where.

Nikos Monoyios stated the DDA has already allocated \$500,000 for transit improvements in the downtown area. The responsibility of Goal 3 Alliance will be to evaluate the planned improvement projects by Mobile GR/The Rapid and make a recommendation to the DDA for use of these funds in collaboration with those improvements. Mr. Monoyios asked when we could we see the Mobile GR project plans and recommendations. Hank Kelly stated ridership data analysis and shelter designs may be as available as soon as the first of the year. Kristin Bennett stated the initial shelter site list is difficult to create based simply on ridership and may require the consideration of other improvements on each site. Many of the higher ridership sites already have a shelter but may benefit from other amenities. Other high ridership sites may not physically allow for a structure. Conrad Venema asked who will be responsible for maintaining these structures. As of right now, The Rapid does some maintenance but not a lot due to lack of resources. Ms. Bennett stated ambassadors currently do some clean up/maintenance.

Mr. Miller asked what latitude there is in the design of the shelters. Hank Kelly stated the standard shelter is similar to current Rapid shelters in design though the city could consider branding them. Ms. Bennett stated there is potential within reason to expand sponsorship/ advertisements on the shelters. Hank Kelly stated there is a current RFP for advertising on shelters which might cover the cost of ongoing maintenance. Mr. Venema stated The Rapid may look to consolidate stops. Shared use of these shelters may drive the decision for exact placements. Mr. Conrad asked if shelters are the only expenditures being considered or may funds be used for concrete. Mr. Monoyios stated we will rely heavily on the data and rationale from Mobile GR in determining how to use our funds. It could be in the form of additional shelters but it may also be in the form of concrete or added amenities (trash, benches, or lighting) at certain sites with reference, of course, to our new streetspace guidelines. We also need to consider who operates and maintains these structures which will be one of our biggest challenges. Mr. Miller stated a list of all potential site locations is needed in order to effectively start this evaluation. There may also be overlap of funds from other alliances or ways to utilize different budget line items to maximize all of our spending. Mr. Monoyios agreed.

6. Removing On-Street Parking in Transit Stops (Draft Policy)

Kristin Bennett presented about parking regulations to amend no parking in transit stops. Staff estimates around 425 on-street parking spaces impacted citywide and within the DDA, 74 spaces (3%, .007%). Next steps include presenting at Disability Advocates of Kent County and CIDS before City Commission approves. Further discussion and feedback required; not enough time to discuss in detail.

7. Alliance Member Discussion

8. Next Meeting – TBD

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Monoyios adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm.

Minutes taken by:

Amanda Sloan

Administrative Assistant

Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.