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**NOTICE OF MEETING
AND
AGENDA**

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Mayor Robert E. Novitke has called a meeting of the City Council, meeting as a Committee-of-the-Whole, for **Monday, March 23, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, 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. Retirement Plans – Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution
 - A. Verbal Reports:
 1. Mike VanOverbeke, VanOverbeke Michaud & Timmony PC
 2. Mark Hurst, Plante Moran
5. K-9
 - A. Memo 03/16/15 - City Administrator
 - B. Memo 03/17/15 – Director of Public Safety
6. Public Relations: Road Improvements
7. GPbenches
 - A. Press Release, w/attachments 01/26/15 – Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation
8. New Business/Public Comment
9. Adjournment

Alfred Fincham
City Administrator

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MEMORANDUM

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Date: March 16, 2015

To: Mayor and Council

From: Al Fincham, City Administrator *AF*

Subject: Request for Implementation of a Department K-9 Division

As you know, last August the Department of Public Safety hired trained and certified K-9 handler Dan Shewe as a new Public Safety Officer. Officer Schewe has completed his required Field Training Officer Course and I am requesting that he be designated as the Department's K-9 handler. Officer Schewe and his K-9 Xander have been rated 3rd overall in the State as being an extremely successful team. Throughout his course of working with Xander in Inkster and Harper Woods, Officer Schewe has recorded a very impressive list of accomplishments, which are as follows:

- Total K-9 call outs (306)
- Positive vehicle searches (146)
- Negative vehicle searches (18)
- Dollars seized (not including vehicles) \$54,711.00
- Search Warrants obtained by K-9 interdiction (8)
- Suspect tracks (63)
- Capture of suspects on tracks (26)
- Building searches performed (26)
- Building searches resulting in arrests (6)
- Special events for the K-9 Team including demos and festivals (13)

It would be the intent to have Officer Schewe and Xander available for use by all of the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Departments for mutual aid as well as other assignments as requested. Currently, Grosse Pointe Farms has a K-9 Team and the addition of this Team would be a tremendous asset to all the Grosse Pointes.

Administration reached out to the *K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes* for assistance in the implementation and launching of this program. The *K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes mission* is to raise funds to promote public safety by supporting local police dog programs. The contributions are to be earmarked for the acquisition of the dog, training, medical care, vehicles, personnel costs, and equipment.

Administration has requested a donation of \$25,000 to help cover the three years we believe is the working life that Xander has. Typically, the working life of a K-9 is estimated at eight years of age; however, it could be longer. Xander is currently five years old and we anticipate he would work for an additional three years before he would be retired. The *K-9 Safety*

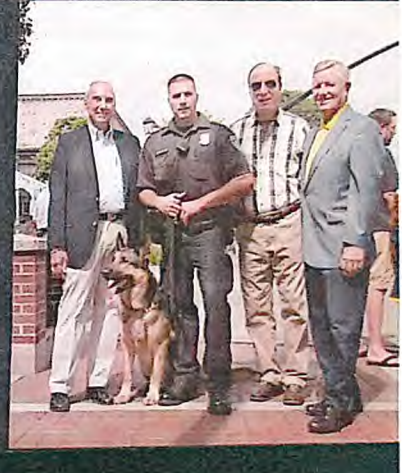
Safety Partners of Grosse Pointes at their meeting on March 11, 2015 approved the request in the amount of \$25,000 to cover the following associated costs:

- Veterinary care and medical bills
- Food and supplements
- Training requirements
- Yearly memberships
- Officer compensation at .5 hr of overtime per working day to be utilized for the care and maintenance of the K-9 (Garcia vs. San Antonio)
- Tinting and graphics for the K-9 vehicle
- Outfitting K9 vehicle with cage and Hot & Pop System
- Installation of a L3 Mobile Vision video/camera system

The vehicle Officer Schewe would be using is a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria police package vehicle, which recently had a new engine installed under warranty and is good working condition. Eventually the vehicle will be rotated out of the fleet.

If this request is approved, the Grosse Pointes will be very fortunate to have an experienced and proven K-9 Team. Officer Schewe is considered an expert in the field and has testified in several court cases regarding the use and deployment of K-9's. In addition to assisting officers with locating suspects, missing persons, narcotics, evidence recovery, and building searches, the K-9 team greatly enhances public relations and community policing in neighborhoods and schools. Xander is an extremely social dog and has accompanied Officer Schewe on many demonstrations in the schools, including kindergarten age children.

Administration respectfully requests consideration in this request to implement a K-9 Division.





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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BRUCE J. SMITH, Director

20025 Mack Plaza

Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236-2397



Date: March 17, 2015
To: Alfred Fincham, City Administrator
From: Bruce Smith, Director of Public Safety ALS
Subject: K-9 Program

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I would like to address you on the issue of a K-9 program for the Public Safety department. I fully support the addition of a K-9 Officer and Dog to the department.

During my first 7 years as police chief in Chesterfield Township, we had two K-9 Teams both of which were utilized for tracking with one specialized in drug detection and the other in bomb detection. The officers all viewed the dogs in a very positive manner: as a tracker of fugitives or lost children, as force multiplier at any tense scene, and finally as a great public relations tool for the department. Beloved by residents both young and old, the dogs always brought a smile to the public and opened communications between the officers and the residents.

As a tracking tool there was nothing that could compare to having a dog on the scene to pick up the trail when officers could no longer follow a suspect. The dogs were able to successfully track and apprehend numerous suspects who would otherwise have gotten away, preventing further crimes and more victims. That tracking ability was not limited to just fleeing suspects, but also lost children and adults with special needs. In one instance, a 4- year old child wandered away from home in the winter and the dog was able to locate the child in short order preventing certain injury from the cold. The dogs also were very effective in performing searches for illegal drugs. Their keen sense of smell found contraband drugs that might have been overlooked. Not only are they more effective than their human counterparts, they also save time in every instance mentioned above by bringing the incident to a rapid conclusion, putting officers back into service.

K-9 dogs are a valuable tool for law enforcement. I have seen them in action during my 38 years in law enforcement. The ability to obtain a fully trained officer and police service dog free of the initial training charges is a boost to any community. I support your efforts to bring a K-9 to the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department.



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Contact: Jennifer Palms Boettcher
Phone: 313-881-4722
Email: info@grossepointechamber.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 26, 2015, Grosse Pointe, Farms
GP Benches - Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe!

It has been ten years since the frogs hopped into Grosse Pointe, three years since the fish swam to the Pointes and this summer, butterflies will be migrating into our community for the GP Bench Street Art Project festivities.

Spearheaded by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, the GP Bench festivities will promote art, culture and camaraderie in the community and will also benefit the area by increasing pedestrian and retail traffic in the greater Grosse Pointe areas. In addition, the GP Bench festivities will showcase local talent and draw media attention to our community from throughout the metro Detroit area.

From June to September, flocks of butterflies will swarm into the primary business districts in the Pointes. Each butterfly bench will be sponsored by a business/resident and creatively designed by a commissioned artist. A kick-off party celebrating the butterfly benches will be held in May. A preview party showcasing the flock of decorated benches will be held at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. The butterflies will then migrate to their designated location where they will rest for the summer months allowing the community to enjoy. Before the cold sets in, the spectacular butterflies will be auctioned off at the Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe auction in September at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Proceeds will benefit the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation.

Presently, GP Bench – Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe is looking for artists to decorate a butterfly bench and sponsors to “net” a butterfly at sponsor levels ranging from “The Monarch” at \$5,000 to the “Caterpillar” at \$2,500.

GP Benches – Seat Yourself in Grosse Pointe is an exciting and interactive way to bring the community together while simultaneously benefiting the local businesses in the community that we love.

To apply as an artist or to catch a butterfly, pull out your net and swipe the Chamber at 313-881-4722.

GP Bench is established with the sole purpose of creating a Public Art Exhibition for the Grosse Pointe, MI community. Proceeds will benefit the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization. The purpose of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation is to receive and disburse contributions for the promotion of commerce, education, economic growth, events and activities for the five Grosse Pointe communities.

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SPONSOR FORM

Sponsorship Commitment must be received by March 31, 2015 to be included in the printed promotional material.

Sponsor Information:

Name

(As you wish it to appear in print) _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Please Choose Your Sponsorship Level:

☐ **Monarch - \$5,000**

☐ **Caterpillar - \$2,500**

Method of Payment:

☐ Cash

☐ Check (Payable to Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation)

☐ Mastercard/Visa

Credit card type	_____ VISA _____ MasterCard
Credit card number	_____
Expiration date	_____ / _____ 3 Digit Security Code (back of card) _____
Signature: _____	Date: _____

Requested Location for Your Sponsored Butterfly Bench:

_____ (Location requests will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will be subject to city management approval.)

☐ **YES!** I want to select a butterfly bench design from the GP Bench design portfolio.

☐ **NO.** I will provide my own artist.


Sponsorship Deadline - March 31, 2015

Please send your form to: Grosse Pointe Chamber/GP Benches - 63 Kercheval, Suite 16 - Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
Fax: 313.881.4723 or Email: info@grossepointechamber.com

For further information, please call the Chamber at 313.881.4722



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seat
yourself in
grosse pointe

call for sponsors

A Public Art Exhibition benefitting Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation

butterflies are flitting and fluttering to grosse pointe

A public art exhibit featuring larger-than-life beautifully embellished butterfly benches decorated by local artists and displayed throughout Grosse Pointe during the 2015 summer. A preview party showcasing the flock of butterflies will take place on Thursday, June 25th. The butterflies will then flutter their way and land in their designated locations throughout the Pointes for public enjoyment. A festive butterfly auction will wrap up the festivities in September.

Beautifying the Community

- * Enhances the lives of those who take an active part, as well as those in the community who benefit from the public art exhibit
- * Encourages community collaboration
- * Increases the economic impact in Grosse Pointe
- * Draws media attention from throughout the metro Detroit area
- * Features butterfly benches made by Facility One in Detroit

The Heir

At the conclusion of GP Benches, the decorated butterfly benches will be auctioned off with proceeds benefitting the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation.

The mission of the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation is to receive and disburse charitable contributions for the promotion of commerce, education, economic growth, events and activities for the five Grosse Pointe communities.

In 2008, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce formed the Grosse Pointe

Chamber Foundation in order to generate funding for programs benefitting the Chamber, its members and the community. The Foundation's tax exempt status under IRS Code Section 501 (c) (3), allows donations from individuals and corporations to be tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation promotes its mission by:

- * **Pointer of Distinction Awards & Scholarships**
- * **The Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade**
- * **The Trolley (K-Line)**
- * **I heart GP Campaign/Banners**
- * **Lake St. Clair Circle the Lake Tour:**
Map and Signage
- * **Chamber APP**
- * **Live Well:** An initiative encouraging healthy living throughout the community.
** Share the Road signage for bikes and bike racks have been distributed throughout the community.
- * **Cobalt Survey:** A community wide study to provide data for inclusion into a collaborative strategic plan for the development amongst the five GP communities.
- * **GPCC Website**

leave your benchmark on the community

seeking sponsors

Individuals, businesses and organizations are needed to support an individual butterfly bench. As a sponsor, you will be recognized for your involvement in the community and commended for your generosity. This eye catching public art exhibit will attract thousands of new visitors to Grosse Pointe, thus becoming a catalyst for economic development and business growth in all of Grosse Pointe. Each level of sponsorship entitles the sponsor to an unfinished bench with their choice of an artist who will be commissioned by the Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation and the selection of the location to display your bench.

monarch: \$5,000

- * Sponsor name on the bench
- * Sponsor name on the benchmark map
- * Sponsor name on all advertising and collateral material
- * Name on the Chamber's GP Bench webpage with an optional link to sponsor's website
- * Two tickets to the Legacy on the Lake event
- * Two tickets to the Bench Auction Party
- * Bench ownership transfers to sponsor at the end of the public exhibition

caterpillar: \$2,500

- * Sponsor name on the bench
- * Sponsor name on the benchmark map
- * Sponsor name on all advertising and collateral material
- * Name on the Chamber's GP Bench webpage with an optional link to the sponsor's website
- * Two tickets to the Legacy on the Lake event (Bench Preview Party)
- * Two tickets to the Bench Auction Party





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2015 Schedule

January	Call for artists
February	Call for sponsors
March	Sponsors select artists
April	Notify artists
May	Kick-off party
May-June	Fabricate benches
June	Preview party
July-September	Display benches throughout the community
September	Auction Gala to benefit GP Chamber Foundation

Get Involved!

To become a sponsor, complete the enclosed Sponsor Commitment Form and return it to:

**Grosse Pointe Chamber/gpbenches,
63 Kercheval, Suite 16, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236
or fax to 313.881.4723.**

For more information, call 313.881.4722 or email info@grossepointechamber.com. Check out our website at www.iheartgp.com for artist and sponsor applications and details.

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