

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 6, 2004

- Organizational Meeting -

Administration Building – Room 310

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by County Clerk Mary Hollinrake.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield - 18.

Absent: Agee – 1.

Invocation: Commissioner Kuipers introduced Pastor Dennis J. McMurray, Senior Pastor – Renaissance Church of God in Christ, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Clerk Hollinrake opened nominations for Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Morgan nominated David J. Morren.

Motion was supported by Commissioner Koorndyk.

Motion by Commissioner Hiddema, supported by Commissioner Vonk, that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for David J. Morren.

Motion carried.

David J. Morren was declared elected Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Morren opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Wahlfield nominated Roger C. Morgan.

Motion was supported by Commissioner VanderMolen.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Rolls, that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Roger C. Morgan.

Motion carried.

Roger C. Morgan was declared elected Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of December 11, 2003 Meeting
- b) December 16, 2003 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

Motion by Commissioner Kuipers, supported by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren - 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

1-06-04-1 – MILLENNIUM PARK ARCHITECTURAL ADVISORY BOARD / PARKS / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, a Millennium Park Architectural Board was informally created in February 2003 to act as a “clearinghouse” for the numerous ideas regarding the Park development and to ensure Millennium Park’s architecture/design remains consistent with its Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, considering its long-term need and long-term responsibilities, it is Board Chair Morren’s recommendation to have the Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Board (MPAAB) formally created and appointed by the Board of Commissioners with an annual report/update from the MPAAB to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, based upon the past ten months experience and other municipalities’ park advisory board models, it is recommended the MPAAB consist of three Commissioners (Board Chair, Finance and Physical Resources Committee (FPRC) Chair, and a Commissioner from one of the cities within the boundaries of Millennium Park); a citizen from the “Design Community;” and three citizens from the “Business Community” with County staff continuing to assist the Board; and

WHEREAS, the initial three-year term appointments are staggered as follows: Chair Morren – By virtue of office; FPRC Chair Morgan – By virtue of office; Commissioner Tanis – Walker – 12/1/03 – 12/31/06; Vern Ohlman – Design Community – 12/1/03 – 12/31/05; Francisco Vega – Business Community – 12/1/03 – 12/31/04; Peter Secchia – Business Community – 12/1/03 – 12/31/05; David Custer – Business Community – 12/1/03 – 12/31/06.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby create a seven member Millennium Park Architectural Advisory Board with members serving three-year terms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the initial appointments are as follows: David Morren (Board Chair – “By virtue of office”); Roger Morgan (Finance Committee Chair – “By virtue of office”); Art Tanis (Commissioner – from a City within Millennium Park); Vern Ohlman (“Design Community”); Francisco Vega (“Business Community”); Peter Secchia (“Business Community”); David Custer (“Business Community”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Millennium Park Advisory Board shall provide the Board of Commissioners with an annual report and/or an update at a scheduled Board of Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, supported by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

APPOINTMENTS

2004 STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance & Physical Resources Committee

Roger Morgan, Chair
Dean Agee, Vice-Chair
Jack Boelema
Gary Rolls
Art Tanis
Richard VanderMolen
James Vaughn
Harold Voorhees
Fritz Wahlfield

Legislative & Human Resources Committee

Dan Koorndyk, Chair
Tom Postmus, Vice-Chair
Dick Bulkowski
Marvin Hiddema
Jack Horton
Kenneth Kuipers
Harold Mast
Paul Mayhue
Ted Vonk

Special Committee by Chair – Bargaining Parameters / Benefits Subcommittee

Dick Bulkowski	Dan Koorndyk
Roger Morgan	David Morren
Art Tanis	

2004 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHAIR

A.C.S.E.T.

Harold Mast	David Morren (by virtue of office)
James Vaughn	

County Township Liaison

Ted Vonk

Grand Rapids – Kent County Convention / Arena Authority Liaison Committee

Daniel Koorndyk	Roger Morgan
Tom Postmus	

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Transportation Division Policy Committee

Kenneth Kuipers

Greater Grand Rapids Convention Bureau

Tom Postmus

Housing Commission

Eric Zeemering

Human Services Committee

Daryl Delabbio, County Administrator (by virtue of office)
Beverly Drake, A.C.S.E.T. Director (by virtue of office)
Hugh Hufnagel, Mental Health Board Chair (by virtue of office)
Paul Ippel, CMH Director (by virtue of office)
Robert Jamo, FIA Board Chair (by virtue of office)
David Morren, Chair of the Board of Commissioners (by virtue of office)

Cathy Raevsky, Administrative Health Officer (by virtue of office)
Jack Roedema, Circuit Court – Family Division (by virtue of office)
Diana Sieger, KCFCCC Chair (by virtue of office)
Andy Zylstra, FIA Director (by virtue of office)

Officers' Compensation Commission

Dan Pfeiffer

Resource Conservation & Development Committee

Jack Horton Gary Rolls

Senior Millage Review Committee

Jack Boelema Daniel Koorndyk

Right Place Program

Daryl Delabbio

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, supported by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the appointments to Standing Committees, Special Committee by Chair – Bargaining Parameters / Benefits Subcommittee, and Annual Chair Appointments to Various Committees be approved.
Motion carried by voice vote.

2004 BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Aeronautics Board

Joseph Jones Kenneth Kuipers

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Advisory Council

Frederick Deane Marvin Hiddema

Area Agency on Aging of Region VIII – Board of Directors

Harold Mast Albert Page

City/County Building Authority

Daryl Delabbio Carl Eschels

Community Corrections Advisory Board

William Forsyth Patrick Hillary
Richard Mattice Jill Read

Community Health Advisory Committee

Lawrence Baer Wayne Boatwright
Candace Cowling Joseph Moore
Lori Pearl-Kraus Beth Rogers
John Walen

County Building Authority

Mike DeVriendt Dennis Mosson

Foreign Trade Zone Board (Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon)
Kenneth Parrish

Friend of the Court Advisory Committee
Stephen Klusovsky Bruce Partridge
Jessica Wierckz

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council
Daryl Delabbio David Morren
Ted Vonk

John Ball Zoo Advisory Board
Jack Boelema Audrey Nevins
Joseph Sypniewski

Jury Commission
John Strauss

Kent Community Hospital Corporation – Board of Trustees
Craig Bethune James Fouts

Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council
Nadine Klein Patti Nussbaum
Mary Alice Williams

Kent District Library Board
Shirley Bruursema Brad LaTour

Kent Hospital Finance Authority
Richard Fabiano Hattie Patterson

Pension Board
Michael DuBay Matthew Eichhorn
Paul Weston

Public Works Board
Art Tanis

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, supported by Commissioner Tanis, that the appointments to various boards, commissions and committees be approved.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Wahlfield, to amend the appointments to exclude the Community Mental Health appointments at this time.

Motion to amend appointments carried by voice vote.

Motion to adopt appointments, with the exception of the CMH board, carried by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sympathy

Commissioner Mayhue stated that his Aunt, Rosie Morris, 94 years old, passed away recently. Chair Morren extended his sympathy to Commissioner Mayhue and his family.

Fundraiser

Commissioner Postmus announced that a spaghetti dinner would be held on Thursday, January 8th from 5-8 p.m. with the proceeds going to the Novakowski family who recently lost 7 members of their family in a house fire. The event will be held at the Guest House on the corner of Stocking and 4th Street on the west side of Grand Rapids. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Sympathy

Commissioner Wahlfield announced that former County Commissioner George TerHorst passed away recently. He served on the Commission from 1985 - 1992.

Homelessness Symposium

Commissioner Boelema commended Commissioner Mast on his recent seminar on homelessness in Kent County.

City/County Leadership

Commissioner Kuipers said that the recent arrest of the alleged serial rapist was due to the working relationship between the Grand Rapids Police Department and the Kent County Sheriff's Department. This is another example of how the City and County work together cooperatively.

Finance Committee Meeting

Chair Morren announced that the first Finance Committee of the year would be held immediately following this meeting.

ADIJOURNMENT

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Kuipers moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rolls. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk