COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 2014

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Arora, Denner, Robson, and Grano, and Mayor Heenan

Excused Absence: Councilmember Theokas

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk, and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney, and David Hiller, Director of Public Safety

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Mayor Heenan presented to Council for consideration the minutes of November 10, 2014 for approval as presented.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Denner, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2014, as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Arora, Denner, Robson, Grano, and Clark, and Mayor Heenan

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Theokas

NIXLE UPDATE

Director Hiller apprised Mayor Heenan and Council of the recent addition of Nixle to the public safety software program. He noted residents may inquire as to power outages, and water pressure issues and public safety updates. Residents may download the application free of charge. It is also located on the city website.

Councilmember Arora thanked Director Hiller for making this program available.

Councilmember Grano stated this software is a great tool for the residents.

Councilmember Clark recommended an article be placed in the next communicator.

14901 E. JEFFERSON

City Attorney presented a brief overview of the status of the property known as 14901 E. Jefferson on the corner of Alter and Jefferson. He noted the City had obtained a permit in 2008 to demolish the building on that corner, formerly known as the Deck Bar. The contractors placed the fencing around the parameter on a Friday afternoon with plans of beginning the demolition on the following Monday. Grosse Pointe Park was issued a stop order for the demolition work prior to Monday morning. The reason the City of Detroit issued a stop work order on the demolition on the property and subsequently
designated a historical building. Grosse Pointe Park purchased the property to demolish the building to provide an aesthetically pleasing entrance on the border of both Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park.

City Attorney stated he has a letter from the Director of Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environment of Detroit addressed to the Detroit Historic District Commission stating the building is unsound and severely dilapidated. There is considerable damage from roof leaks throughout the building with extensive mold throughout. Areas of the roof are beyond repair. All of the electrical, plumbing, and mechanical components are damaged beyond repair. Many of the windows and floors had been removed as part of the demolition process.

City Attorney stated he also has a letter from Father Pelc, St. Ambrose Catholic Church urging the demolition of the building stating it is a safety hazard with the children at the school near the building.

City Attorney stated he also has a report from Stantec Engineering recommending the demolition of the building.

City Attorney stated the City of Detroit officials are meeting to decide if the building should be demolished or remodeled.

Councilmember Clark stated the building was not a historical building prior to Grosse Pointe Park purchasing the property, noting the property creates a significant health and safety issue.

FINANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER, 2014

City Manager presented to Mayor and Council the invoices exceeding $5,000 for the month of November, 2014, for approval as presented.

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Councilmember Arora inquired what projects the Stantec invoice covered.

City Manager stated the water plant, and relocation of pipes on Kercheval.

Councilmember Arora requested copies of invoices accompany the finance report going forward.
Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark, to accept and approve the finance report for the month of November as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Denner, Robson, Grano, Mayor Heenan, and Councilmembers Clark, and Arora.

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Theokas

CLOSED

Mayor Heenan requested that a closed door session be held immediately following the regular meeting to discuss litigation.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Clark that an Executive Committee Session be held immediately following the regular meeting pursuant to litigation.

AYES: Councilmembers Robson, Grano, Mayor Heenan, Councilmembers Clark, and Arora, and Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmember Theokas

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

FLOODING:
Resident of Bedford inquired as to the status of the flooding that occurred in August.

City Manager indicated a contractor reviewed the lines in question and determined that there is no blockage and was unable to determine what the blockage that may have contributed to the flooding in August.

Director Hiller indicated FEMA requires that a bedroom or kitchen be affected by the flooding in order for FEMA to consider reimbursing any claims.

Bedford resident inquired if the City routinely inspected the lines.

City Manager stated the lines were inspected when the flooding occurred. All lines are done routinely if there has been a problem in the line before.

HARVARD SIGNAGE:
Owner of Harvard Grill expressed his concern of the recent “no left turn” on to Harvard from Mack. He indicated this is affecting his business and the adjoining businesses. He urged the Council to remove the sign.
Owner of Harvard Grill stated he has been in contact with a representative from A.T. & T. regarding the availability of the City leasing parking spaces at the lot across the street. He has not heard back from anyone yet.

Councilmember Arora recommended the homeowners of the 1400 block of Harvard meet with the business owners to discuss the issues both sides are experiencing and come up with a solution that benefits all involved.

KERCHEVAL DEVELOPMENT:
City Attorney stated this issue is still under negotiations with the City of Detroit and there are many issues under consideration and therefore the Council needs to determine how negotiations go forward prior to further action.

Resident of Lakepointe inquired of improvement costs.

Councilmember Denner stated the Kercheval development is located within the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district. The TIFA has an independent board and all invoices were approved by the TIFA board.

Resident of Wayburn stated she is very much in favor of the development on Kercheval and urged the Council to voice their opinion on the reasons they chose to allow this development. Obviously they feel it is beneficial to the community, so why not say so.

Resident of Wayburn stated he has been on Wayburn for over 60 years and is happy about the development on Kercheval and noted he supports the project.

Resident of Wayburn stated he has been in the Park for over 40 years and supports the development on Kercheval as well as frustrated to hear the same complaints from the same individuals repeated.

Craig Fahle, Director of Affairs at the Land Bank for the City of Detroit presented a brief update on the progress of what Detroit has done. He noted 14701 and 14725 Kercheval have been demolished and 22 property owners have been notified to either turn the property over to the City of Detroit or clean up the property. He noted Detroit is working to keep in compliance with the agreement.

Resident of Berkshire stated the project on Kercheval has revitalized the area. The events held on Kercheval periodically have been a positive way to bring residents together in that area of the City.

Councilmember Clark stated the desire of the Council is to improve entrances in the area of question, to those who like it and those who do not. The Council has a vision and that includes two parties, Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit. Until such time that there is a signed Master Plan by both cities to address the issues in question, there is little sense in rehashing the same complaints. Rest assured, the Council is making every effort in making Grosse Pointe Park a better place to live.

Resident of Beaconsfield inquired which body reviewed the Kercheval Improvements.

City Manager stated the Planning Commission has discussed this issue routinely over the past ten years including traffic flows, parking issues and various developments. The Kercheval detour has also been discussed at Planning Commission and Park & Recreation meetings where the public safety was
involved. The Council was aware of the detour, however did not vote on it as it is always intended to be an interim step.

With no further business, the meeting recessed to closed door session.

The meeting reconvened to open door session and with no further business, the meeting adjourned.