

2021 Annual Meeting Great Rivers Greenway District Board of Directors (Tuesday, January 12, 2021)

Members present

Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein, Karlton Thornton

Meeting called to order at 11:32am

1. Open Time

Procedural: A. Special Notice for January 12, 2021 Annual Board Meeting

2. Board Appointment and Term

Information: A. Communication received regarding Board Appointment and Term; St. Louis County/Karlton Thornton

Mr. Thornton noted he would be observing the meetings today.

Action (Consent), Information: B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2021.01 in honor of James Hall; Resignation effective 31 January 2021

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Carol Klein.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Karlton Thornton

3. Establish a quorum of the Board

Action, Procedural: A. Board members and President, Bernard DuBray

Action, Procedural: B. Recognize Chief Executive Officer as Temporary Chair for the election of officers

4. Call for the nomination and election of officers

Action: A. Nomination and Election of Board President

Motion by Phyllis Young, second by Glenn Powers to Nominate Bernie DuBray.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Karlton Thornton

Action: B. Nomination and Election of Board Vice President

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Glenn Powers to nominate Dionne Flowers

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Karlton Thornton

Action: C. Nomination and Election of Board Secretary

Motion by Neal Perryman, second by Glenn Powers to nominate Carol Klein

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Karlton Thornton

Action: D. Nomination and Election of Board Treasurer

Motion by Neal Perryman, second by Glenn Powers to nominate Monica Huddleston

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Karlton Thornton

5. Appoint Standing Committees

Action (Consent): A. Board President appointed the following Committee assignments.

<u>2021 Committees Assignments</u>		
	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Vice Chair</u>
<u>Budget and Finance</u>		
<i>The Committee on Budget and Finance shall review and recommend matters relating to the appropriations, investments, and capital and operations expenditures of the District.</i>		
Monica Huddleston	Chair	
Rob Epstein		Vice Chair
Phyllis Young		
Bernie DuBray		
Jennifer George		

<u>Bylaws, Rules and Policy</u>		
<i>The Committee on Bylaws and Rules, shall review and recommend matters relating to the organization, proceedings, rules, and regulations for the governance of the Board and the District.</i>		
Chuck Gross	Chair	
Rob Epstein		Vice Chair
Bernie DuBray		
Glenn Powers		
Neal Perryman		
<u>Intergovernmental Affairs</u>		
<i>The Committee on Inter-Governmental Affairs and Legislation shall review and recommend matters relating to other park and recreation districts and boards, local, state, and federal government bodies, and legislation pertinent to the District.</i>		
Rob Epstein	Chair	
Neal Perryman		Vice Chair
Glenn Powers		
<u>Planning</u>		
<i>The Committee on Planning shall review and recommend matters relating to the mission of the District, development of the District's interconnecting trail and park system, and long-term growth of the District and its operations.</i>		
Jennifer George	Chair	
Phyllis Young		Vice Chair
Glenn Powers		
Monica Huddleston		
Chuck Gross		
Dionne Flowers		
Carol Klein		
Karlton Thornton		
<u>Public Relations (Communication)</u>		
<i>The Committee on Public Relations shall develop and oversee matters relating to publicity and public relations utilizing staff and consultants as needed.</i>		
Carol Klein	Chair	
Dionne Flowers		Vice Chair
Jennifer George		
Karlton Thornton		
<u>Personnel, Policy and Procedures</u>		
<i>The Committee on Personnel Policy and Procedures shall review and recommend matters relative to employees of the District.</i>		
Neal Perryman	Chair	
Monica Huddleston		Vice Chair
Rob Epstein		
Bernie DuBray		

<u>Conservation and Community</u>		
<i>In the January 2016 Annual Meeting, the Conservation and Community Committee was established. The Committee should assist in the district coordinating regional initiatives to promote & sustain the greenways, leverages existing abilities of partners, engage and collaborate with the community, [Outreach, events, programs, volunteerism], communication develops culture, supports mission [Active lifestyle, transportation and outdoor recreation], and connection to sustainability, conservation, water, nature.</i>		
Carol Klein	Chair	
Dionne Flowers		Vice Chair
Glenn Powers		
Monica Huddleston		
<u>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee</u>		
<i>In May 2019, the Board adopted a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan. The Plan provides that the Board of Directors "formalize engagement in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion" with the first step being the creation of a Board DEI Committee to review and update Board policies as needed. The DEI Committee should also provide for educational opportunities for Board members each year. Creating this Committee will allow for these steps and activities to occur.</i>		
Phyllis Young	Chair	
Dionne Flowers		Vice Chair
Carol Klein		
Chuck Gross		
Karlton Thornton		

6. Adjourn the Annual Meeting

Action: A. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Chuck Gross.

Final Resolution: Do Pass

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Carol Klein, Chuck Gross, Glenn Powers, James Hall, Jennifer George, Monica Huddleston, Neal Perryman, Phyllis Young, Robert Epstein, Karlton Thornton