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# GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NEWS



**To: All Grand Haven Residents**

**From: Kevin Foley, GHCDD Board Chairman**

**Re: Highlights from the GHCDD Community Workshop 04/06/2023**

## Here's a summary of the CDD Community Workshop on 04/06/2023:

1. More on our bank accounts....The Board heard further from our District Management Controller regarding the safety of our money in the bank and plan for investment. In addition, I have had follow up conversations with District Management and I feel that the Board will have good information to make a decision at the meeting next Thursday. The decision will be to choose between the state sponsored deposit guaranty program and traditional FDIC insurance. The former is a good program that has stood the test of time even in some of the worst days for banks such as in 2008-2010. The FDIC insurance program is surely better known and is the highest quality we can get. The state program covers all of our deposits while the FDIC only covers up to \$250,000. However, our bank has a commonly used service that moves customer money to other banks in order to stay under the FDIC cap. There are cost and investment opportunity differences between each choice that the board will have to consider. In either case, our funds will be well protected and invested to earn a market rate of return at all times. More to come.
2. We also discussed the budget for 2024 and its effect on the long-term plan (LTP). That budget is not approved yet but I think, based on board member comments including my own, we are moving toward a budget that spends on community *needs* for maintenance and some improvements without any significant outlays for expansion of amenities. I would also say that the current draft of the LTP is generally consistent with that thinking. We do have a plan to renovate the café starting in 2025 but we view that as more necessary than “optional”. See bullet number 3 below.
3. Barry updated us on his progress with the cafe design person. It looks like we can do the renovations in at least two phases over maybe a two-year period. The dining area would be done first and that may include a replacement of the bar, floor and furniture in addition to some other cosmetic things. While that work is going on we'd still have the kitchen open to accommodate take-out, outdoor diners and *maybe* some tables in the Grand Haven Room depending on daily event schedules. The second phase would include a re-configuration of the kitchen but not an expansion. The aim would be to create better efficiency but not to increase kitchen space. Some more specifics and cost estimates should be available in the next couple of months.
4. Barry also gave us some information on a possible roving security patrol. We did not ask to move forward with this given its high cost and the low-crime area we live in.
5. More on parking.....Our Amenity Manager and staff have done a great job of collecting Village Center parking information that includes their counts of open-spaces at different times of the day. That information will soon be used by the Board to decide on a parking strategy there particularly as it will affect the LTP. Expansion may be needed but here are a couple of observations: 1) Some folks have become accustomed to parking across the street regardless of space available in the north and south lots and that is not a good practice, 2) Lack of spaces is mostly limited to the days when there are things like trivia or bingo in the evenings. So, amenity management will be sending out eblasts explaining the situation and asking for some “parking behavior modification” that should help, at least in the near term. The Board asks that you follow their advice.

6. More on storm clean-up....As a result of attending the Master Association meeting, Dr. Merrill brought up the subject of post-storm resident yard debris clean up. Together with Dr. Carlton's leadership, we are working to re-establish an agreement with the city that provides for special pick-ups of debris left on resident property by storms. This is a multi-faceted topic with lots of variables and the aim is to get something(s) in place before hurricane season begins in June. The CDD and Master Association are united on this and we'll keep you informed.

**Thanks for reading.**

**Kevin Foley**

**Chair, Board of Supervisors**

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