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**To: All Grand Haven Residents**

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

**Re: Highlights from the GHCDD Community Workshop 02/01/2024**

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- During audience comments, our former chairman, Chip Howden, indicated that he is concerned about unanticipated infrastructure problems that may occur and result in very costly repairs. We do have a lot of underground assets that deserve thought and preparedness. Stormwater pipes and pond conduits are just a couple that have had issues in the past and are not getting better with age. Our disaster fund is usually set at \$750,000 but it is now down to \$591,000 because of clean-up after two recent storms. Our long-term plan has this balance increasing annually by 3.5%. The Board will be discussing the adequacy of that amount as we go through the budget process over the next few months.
- Supervisor Crouch showed us a great draft of her presentation to the County Commission scheduled for Monday February 19 at 1 PM. The workshop will be held at the Government Services Complex, 1769 E. Moody Blvd., building 2. The Board encourages residents to attend and see what the Commission says about actions it can begin taking to mitigate the feral hog issue.
- On that same subject, the Board encouraged management to move swiftly to close on an agreement with a trapper(s) to catch and remove hogs on CDD property.
- Parking has been a problem at the Village Center for some time and now it is at the point where the Board must act. Three years ago, we had our engineer show us several proposals for expanding the north and south lots. There was also a proposal drawn, originally in 2014, to convert the area where the old croquet practice court sits. That area should hold 22-24 spaces. (Just as a reminder, that court has not been maintained or used since the new courts were built at Creekside) The Board gravitated to the old croquet practice court as the most likely place for a new parking area however an expansion of the north lot is also a possibility where 17 spaces would be provided.
- One of the big concerns about locating a new parking area is proximity to the VC building and amenities. Expanding the south lot doesn't get a lot of support because it is simply too far away from the building. An expansion of north lot,

while closer to the café than the south lot, suffers from the same problem.

- Another main driver to our decision is cost. The old croquet practice court was clearly the least expensive alternative three years ago because clearing, fill and drainage are already done. So, we asked management to refresh the cost estimate and let us know what land area would still be available for court expansions, if the Board wants to consider that, at some point.
- Supervisor Debitetto brought to our attention the possibility of making a gifting program available to the CDD. The idea would be for a group of residents to set up a non-profit entity that would accept charitable donations from residents who may want to give money to the CDD for specific projects that the CDD may have in its budget or long-term-plan. The Board indicated interest and asked that it be informed if a detailed proposal is made available for discussion.
- Highlights for amenity expansion presentations at the March 7th workshop were provided in a prior email.

Thanks for reading, and feel free to comment by email to [office@ghcdd.com](mailto:office@ghcdd.com).

**Kevin Foley**  
**Chair, Board of Supervisors**

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