

A meeting of the full Blue Ribbon Operations Committee of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores (BROC) was held on Wednesday, July 11th, in the Council Room of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. the meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Mary Anne LaHood at 6:30PM, due to member stragglers.

PRESENT: Chairperson : Mary Anne LaHood  
Secretary : John L. Booth, II  
Members : Elizabeth Eldridge  
Dr. Quresh Khairullah  
Connie Houin  
John Renick  
Cheryl Holm  
Allan Broad

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager : Mark Wollenweber

Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of the full BROC , having been delivered in advance, upon motion to accept were seconded and approved without discussion.

Following the approval of the minutes, Mary Anne distributed to the members present the data and comparison sheets prepared by the South- East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and distributed by David Boerger, the SEMCOG official in charge of fiscal and operational consulting services, to Shores residents attending the SEMCOG presentation at Village Hall on Tuesday, June 26th. After much committee discussion about the significance of the comparison of services offered by nine Wayne & Oakland County community of very similar size and population to the Shores , it was noted by the committee as significant that the cost to deliver similar services to Shores residents was uniformly greater on a cost per resident than nearly all of the other nine communities, even those with virtually identical numbers of residents and households. The committee concurred that serious thought and more study as to the reasons for the cost discrepancies between the Shores and all of the other communities must be a top priority of this committee , especially sub-committee A.

City Manager Wollenweber next distributed to the BROC data sheets for calendar 2011 and the first six months of calendar 2012 which break down by classification all of the runs made by the Shores P.S.O. department, including various types of runs to respond to the following: fire, alarm, "police action", traffic, other community mutual aid, ambulance, etc. This information was discussed briefly and tabled for further study as to the facts ,staffing requirements, and average cost of each classification of run.

Additionally, City Manager discussed the continuing concerns and hidden costs of contracting out dispatch. He told the committee that the Village is, nevertheless, committed to a three year contract with Grosse Pointe Farms for this service and that he and Shores PSO Chief Schulte are committed to forging a better partnership with the Farms dispatchers based on a better explanation of the needs and expectations of the Shores residents to receive the kind of PSO response to which they have grown accustomed . Additionally, several members raised the issue of access directly by residents to Shores PSO patrol cars during those times when the office and municipal building are closed. One suggestion by member Cheryl Holm was to develop a wireless system which in an emergency or during off business hours would default to any or all active police patrols. City Manager Wollenweber responded that Chief Schulte maintains a direct mobile phone contact number which any resident should call in case of an emergency when either the Village office is not available or the PSO dispatch lines are busy. This issue the committee agreed is a topic for further study and recommendations by Sub-committee B.

NEW BUSINESS :

Member Booth told the committee that his wife Rebecca suggested that the Village give serious consideration to building a large lake water pumping station along Lake Shore Road for the sole purpose of pumping UNFILTERED water for

lawn irrigation and distribute this water to those Shores residents who do not enjoy the cost benefit of pumping their own irrigation water from the lake. He said that this water system should be completely separate from potable city water and should not tie into the sewer system, thus avoiding the city charge for sewer treatment presently attached to all city water, including water which is solely for lawn irrigation. He noted that the system separation will allow separate water metering for use of this water, payable directly to the Shores allowing a profit margin for the city. Further, member Booth pointed out that the Shores has a natural partner to share the cost of this capital investment ... the Lochmoor Club and its golf course... , which is currently irrigated solely with expensive city potable water which is pumped into the irrigation ponds on the course. Member Holm then commented that if enough Shores resident either committed to this system in advance or were required to connect that the Shores would be in a good position to float a water revenue bond based on the projected fees and cash flow from the project. Member Holm even suggested that the project promotion pitch be " GREEN " and " SUSTAINABLE " resources. Regarding an application to the Michigan D.E.Q. for permission to construct, Member Booth stated that the case needs to be based on ZERO IMPACT, as the water for lawn irrigation in the Shores will come from Lake St. Clair either directly or from the in-take at the head of the Detroit River for city water.

DATE OF THE NEXT FULL BROCC MEETING : ... Wednesday, September 12th @ 6:00PM, Council Room at Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building

ADJOURNMENT : ... There being no further business to come before the full committee, the committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Booth, II  
Blue Ribbon Operations Committee  
Secretary