

Blissbits

First Term Update of Rosalynn Bliss 2nd Ward City Commissioner Grand Rapids, Michigan

RESPONSIVE

Rosalynn responds to your needs and works to improve the civic knowledge of all. She stays connected and accessible through Coffees with Bliss at neighborhood restaurants, phone calls and e-mails around-the-clock, through her website and countless community events.

Rosalynn produces a weekly public access television show focused on City issues. And there is no better friend to 2nd Ward Neighborhood Associations.

HARDWORKING PROBLEM SOLVER

MEMBER OF:

- Economic Development Corp.
- City's Legislative Team
- Green Grand Rapids
- Kent Co. Solid Waste Comm.
- Appointments Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Uptown Corridor Improvement
- Fulton St. Farmer's Market Dev. Comm.

SERVED ON:

- Urban Forestry Mgmt. Plan
- City Liaison, Friends of G.R. Parks
- East Beltline Overlay Committee
- City School Liaison Committee
- Chaired Community Development Comm.
- Helped plan the 2009 Bike Summit
- Gov. Appt. Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Commission

For the past three years Rosalynn has forged a strong public-private partnership, raising the funds to open our City's pools.

Rosalynn chaired the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Parks, working closely with community members to make recommendations to sustain our City's parks. She is a member of the Economic Development Corporation, working closely with the City's Economic Development Office.

Whether it is a neighborhood issue, constituent issue or community-wide problem, Rosalynn consistently studies the problem, brings people together and looks for solutions.

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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

It has been an honor to serve you as your Second Ward City Commissioner. From the start of my first campaign, I have believed that every citizen of the Second Ward deserves my best efforts. Since that time, I have been dedicated to responding to constituent issues and working on larger community problems. I also serve on a number of boards and committees tackling important city topics.

As our State struggles, so do local units of government. We face challenging budgets, many tough decisions and at times significant cuts. I am committed to working hard to address the those issues. My top priority is to maintain our vibrant community as a city where you want to live, work and raise your family. We will get through these difficult times, not in isolation but as a community working together.

I look forward to tackling the tough issues our City faces and to serving you,


Rosalynn Bliss

2009 - 2010 COFFEES WITH BLISS

- Tues. Nov. 10, 5pm, the Green Well
- Mon. Jan.11, Noon, Urban Mill
- Tues. Feb. 16, 5pm, Mangiamos
- Wed. Mar.17, 7:30am, Marie Catrubs
- Mon. Apr. 26, Noon, Graydon's Crossing
- Tues. May 18, 5pm, Electric Cheetah
- Wed. June 23, 7:30am, Wealthy St. Bakery
- Mon. July 19, Noon, Global Infusion
- Tues. Aug. 24, 5pm, Bagel Beanery
- Wed. Sept. 22, 7:30am, Common Ground
- Thurs. Oct. 21, 4:30pm, Vitale's Sports Bar
- Tues. Dec. 7 at 5pm, Sazerac Lounge



PRIORITIES

QUALITY OF
LIFE

FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY

MAXIMIZE
RESOURCES

COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABILITY

ARTS AND
RECREATION

BUDGET
PLANNING

The budget planning process for the City's next fiscal year will be the most challenging since I first began serving as your City Commissioner. The general operating fund (GOF) deficit we are facing is nearing \$21 million. To resolve this incredible problem that lies before us, we must work hard, think creatively, and be willing to explore all possible solutions. We must also actively engage residents, listen to your thoughts and ideas and make decisions based on your feedback about the priority of services the city provides.

Due to the magnitude of the fiscal crisis, the City Commission began meeting in September to prepare the 2010/2011 budget (usually we would begin in February 2010). We are also going to facilitate a series of community meetings which will take place between November 11 and December 7, 2009. The City's transformation and journey through this difficult time will not be easy. I do hope you will be a part of the discussion, share your thoughts and help find solutions. For additional information you can go to my website or the city's website at www.grcity.us