1. **Call to Order & Welcome:** Pastor Joe Hooper called the NPC #2 meeting at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Attendance, Members Present:** Samuel Gray, Vice Mayor Lynn Ward Gray, David Drapper, Ron Sweet, Geraldine King, Bettie Robertson, Jeffrey Dinkins, Kitty Hillian, Dawn Wilkerson (NiBC), Pastor Joe Hooper; **Absent:** Karen Lynn Todd, Sheryl McDonald; **Members Excused Absence:** Guests: Jeanette Cook (City of Battle Creek), Chief Blocker (Battle Creek Police Department, Chief of Police), Officer Chad Francisco (Battle Creek Police Department), Helen Guzzo (City of Battle Creek, Community & Economic Department), Chris Lussier (City of Battle Creek, Community & Economic Department), Commissioner Andy Helmboldt, Amy Rose-Wallace Robinson (Calhoun County Land Bank).

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the September 14, 2015, with the correction of Ron Sweet whose absence should be “excused” per Lynn Ward Gray was made by Kitty Hillian. Seconded by Ron Sweet. **Motion Carried.**

4. **Correspondence (sent/received) & Announcements:** Pastor Joe Hooper reported the Historic Committee occurred this afternoon and the Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled to meet on October 13.

5. **Guest Presentation:** Chief Blocker would like community support to rebuild new Police and fire facilities.

   Amy Rose Robinson Wallace updated NPC on demo properties, vacant lots, the success of the lawn maintenance program. The Calhoun County Land Bank would like community input regarding the use of vacant lots. Amy stated there are various ideas/suggestions; however, would like input from the community.

   Sam Gray discussed about tenant based assistance program; there is $27,000. Community Action is in the process of a pilot program for rentals.

6. **Committee & City Staff Reports:**
   a. **Fire Department** – N/A
   b. **Police department** - Officer Chad Francisco discussed the police and fire department tours. There is a “Trunk or Treat” scheduled on Saturday, October 31, at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. He also would like to “Thank” the participants who assisted in the clean-up at 251 Wood N.
c. **Neighborhood Services** – Jeanette Cook “thanked” the participants who assisted in the clean-up as well. She also provided a sheet for residents to put addresses on that may be of concern.

d. **Beautiful Battle Creek Award Nominations** – Ms. Bullock passed away. NPC would like to recognize the hard work and dedication to beautify her yard. An NPC member will hand deliver the award.

e. **Membership** – Motion to accept Lavonza Robinson Fields as a NPC #2 member was made Bettie Robinson. Seconded by Kitty Hillian. **Motion Carried.**

f. **Community Engagement** – Pastor Joe Hooper thanked everyone who participated in the clean-up at 241 Wood N. Also, if anyone who is interested in NPC signs are kept at NIBC.

g. **Elected Officials** – Vice Mayor Lynn Ward Gray reported Keeping You Informed topic is Emergency Services. The Youth Advisory Board has been performing community service. Daniel Yates is the YAB Chair. The LCC denied the liquor license request to the Citgo gas station on the corner of Kendall & Michigan.

   JPG Resources will be moving forward regarding the commercial use of the Bronson Life Span building.

   There is an interested party in Shelbourn Park, use for student housing.

h. **Battle Creek Public Schools** – N/A.

7. **Old Business**: N/A

8. **New Business**: Thank you to everyone who participated in the clean-up at 251 Wood N. The NPC #2 meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12 to discuss member membership and nominations prior to the workshop.

9. **Public Comments/Member Comments**: NPC #2 members decided to meet before the NPC Workshop meeting, which is scheduled on November 9, 2015.

10. **Next Meeting**: **Monday, November 9, 2015**, 6:30 p.m. at Department of Public Works (DPW) 150 Kendall Street South.

11. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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