

NPC 11

September 25, 2019 Meeting Agenda

Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) #11
Central Christian Church - 713 Riverside Drive Battle Creek, MI 49015

1. 7:00 PM – Welcome and opening – Tate Trujillo
2. **Attendance sheet (Members are in BOLD UPPERCASE): TATE TRUJILLO, FRAN O'NEIL, FRANK EGLAND, LEAH ORTIZ, HELEN LARDER**, Pat Fosdick, Lindy Korti, Yolanda Johnson, Chris Lussier, Jim McDonagh, Ryan O'Connell, Elizabeth Insley, Chris Simmons, David Lucas, Ann McHale
3. **Additions or deletions to this agenda: None**
4. **Approval of the June 26 and July 24 meeting minutes distributed via email: NO QUORUM**
5. **Correspondence sent/received and upcoming events: None**
6. **City staff reports and Commissioner Comments:**
 - City/County Commissioners' remarks
 - Jake Smith – Not Present but did send following message over mosquitoes/EEE:
 - i. MDHHS in conjunction with the County Health Department has determined to proceed with an aerial spray program in order to combat the spread of EEE. wanted to advise that the 'Treatment Zone' has been published by MDHHS and can be found at the link below. Further, the CCHD has setup an EEE Response Line if anyone has any questions or concerns that require their attention. The phone number is 269-969-6852. Currently the line is only scheduled to be manned during regular business hours, which is a problem in my opinion. I'm working to see what I can be done to get it extended and will advise.
 - ii. https://www.michigan.gov/documents/emergingdiseases/EEE_Aerial_Treatment_Zones_666895_7.pdf
 - Chris Simmons
 - i. When is Columbia going to be re-open?
 1. Construction is in work, but due to needing to test the underground water pipes, construction needs to verify before resealing the street. It is projected to be completed by early October.
 - ii. Texting and Driving – Ordinance has been enacted, but is not being enforced due to signs not being posted on city limits. There is due to the inbound roads being state controlled and putting up signs is a process for putting on state property. Chris is unsure of when these signs may be put up.
 - iii. Citizen asked about working poor living long-term at hotels (i.e. Econolodge across from Horrocks and other hotels off of Beckley Road) in regards to keeping up standards – Chris response: two actions - an Ordinance and Legal action is being followed for the hotels in question to try to compel those hotels to comply with safety standards as it could pose an immediate threat to health and safety to those staying in the buildings. The Ordinance is still under review.
 1. Yolanda Johnson – Has background that sometimes landlords kick the renters out because renter called into code compliance for complaint.
 2. Chris Lussier - At point and times – Renting is tough on both renter and Tenant. At certain times in the year, Post-Franklin neighborhood is 50% delinquent on taxes.
 3. Matthew Desmond “Evicted” – good book that talks about this process on both sides.

- iv. Battle Creek Charter Amendments to be put on ballot to vote on in 2020:
 1. Have Gender Neutral in charter
 2. Still up to put on ballot is voting directly for Mayor. You can email Chris directly if you would like to voice your thoughts, ccsimmons@battlecreekmi.gov
 3. Still up to put on ballot on restricting Wards (less at-large, more wards). You can email Chris directly if you would like to voice your thoughts, ccsimmons@battlecreekmi.gov
- v. Citizen asked two questions but Chris had to depart before able to answer:
 1. Vaping in Battle Creek (enforcement/input?)
 2. New Provisioning center? Columbia and Capital are there more to come?
 3. NPC Chair has forwarded both questions to our City Commissioner but we are both awaiting to hear back from City. Will forward information once received.
- Police Department Report
 - Officer O'Connell – Crime activity is nothing out of ordinary.
 - i. **Bridge Closure, I-95 and Capital** – Citizen requests increased police presence Early October for a few weeks Christi road will most likely have a lot more traffic. Citizen of NPC does have extra "SLOW DOWN" signs for neighbors on Christi road if wanted. You can email her (Leah) at hannahleah.msw@gmail.com
 1. In addition, we have the following message from the City Manager:

"We understand this has a big impact on traffic and areas on the re-routes. As an MDOT project, they have been the lead and have determined the re-routes. Based on frequently asked questions, the DPW will have the sign shop looking at the streets on the re-routes to ensure that we have adequate speed limit signs.

We are hesitant to install temporary speed humps as requested by some neighbors without having the fire department review as it may impact their response routes. Another concern would be that they typically will slow down traffic in their vicinity but increase speeds in other areas away from them. We also only have two sets of temporary speed humps. We should be able to install them if needed rather quickly. Our plan is to monitor traffic flow closely and discuss with BCFD.

Per Deputy Chief Grafton, BCPD has been meeting with DPW to discuss and finalize what the re-routes are going to look like. He has already communicated information to shift lieutenants and BCPD will certainly have officers monitoring the side streets and take enforcement action when needed. Once temporary signs are in place, Deputy Chief Grafton will have the district officer make it a priority to be seen out in those areas. He will also place our radar signs out there as well."
- City Representative Report
 - Yolanda Johnson – Code Compliance
 - i. Property Surveys are ongoing.
 - ii. Expressed hoping to pass along patience with some neighbors and city officials when they are on narrow streets. Sometimes there are no other areas to park when on site in the neighborhoods.

- iii. Lone Star Restaurant – In work to get the property cleaned up and have been in contact with owners. Code Compliance has issued ticket to that location for the mess on site.
- iv. Zoning ordinance is in work to rework – Expected to be done by spring 2020 – Citizens are welcome to come out to workshops. Handout is posted below for more information.
- v. Citizen asked about Backyard parking – It is allowed for licensed vehicles to park in backyard.

7. Committee reports:

- Beautiful Battle Creek Award Nominations – Dave Hawks – For review and approval – **NO QUORUM**
 - i. Mark L. Osborn, 125 Winston - Beautiful exterior colors – red cedar siding really complements the brick, Well maintained, Very tidy landscaping
 - ii. For next Meeting's Consideration:
 - 1. Jessica and Don Whitney, 155 S. Lincoln Blvd. – Beautiful paint job and significant refurbishment and upgrades to landscaping.
- Neighborhoods and Land Use – John Godfrey – Not Present
- NPC 11 Programs – James McDonagh – In work to get city official to speak on Cities Trash/Recycling Contract

8. Old business:

- None

9. New business:

- **Eleven NPC Members coming up for renewal in October, any known to be renewed?**
 - Ann Wyson - no
 - Christian Plasencia – no
 - Dan Buscher - yes
 - Dave Hawks – yes
 - Don Larder - yes
 - Helen Larder - yes
 - Janice Barry - no
 - Joan Greiger - no
 - Rachel Johnson - no
 - Randall Champlin - yes
 - Rick Baron – no
- **Monthly informational Program:** Chris Lussier, Community Development Manger - City representative will be presenting outreach efforts for Community Development and Neighborhood Needs.
 - Office manages State/Federal Grants to improve community development and accounts for progress
 - Every 5 years, office puts together 5 year plan with one year updates to get approved by the commission
 - New 5 year plan is upcoming that will go in front of commission for approval.
 - Apart of this process includes getting input for the plan from the community.
 - Survey will be included with water bill for input.
 - Survey will also be handed out door-to-door, those that could benefit more from these community development efforts.
 - See copies of handout below ((((((INCLUDE SCREENSHOTS))))))))

10. Public Comments: None

11. Members' comments:

- **Leah Ortiz – On Lakeview school board** – If you have any concerns with the Lakeview school district, feel free to reach out. 269-245-2562.
- **City utilities (water, trash) bill went up!** – what happened?
 1. NPC Chair has forwarded question to City Commissioner and we are both awaiting City response. NPC Chair will pass along as soon as we get an answer back.

12. Next meeting: October 23, 2019 at Central Christian Church - 713 Riverside Dr

- **Program:** TBD

13. Adjournment - 8:30PM

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Sept. 27, 2019

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Aerial spraying being conducted in 14 counties to combat mosquito-borne disease
Eastern Equine Encephalitis cases continue increasing in Michigan

LANSING, Mich. – Due to the large geographic distribution and number of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) cases in humans and animals, coupled with warm weather projections, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and 12 local health departments have decided to conduct aerial spraying in high risk areas combat further spread of the deadly disease EEE.

Spraying is scheduled take place starting Sunday, Sept. 29 starting at 8 p.m. However, the ability to spray is weather dependent and the schedule may change. Residents are encouraged to visit Michigan.gov/EEE for up-to-date information.

Spraying will occur in the following 14 counties: Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren. All of these counties have cases of EEE in people, animals or both. Visit Michigan.gov/EEE for more detailed information.

Aerial spraying is conducted by low-flying aircraft, beginning in the early evening and continuing up until 4:30 a.m. the next morning, in areas of concern. Mosquito control professionals will apply approved pesticides as an ultra-low volume (ULV) spray. ULV sprayers dispense very fine aerosol droplets that stay suspended in the air and kill adult mosquitoes on contact. This is a tactic other states, including [Massachusetts](#) and [Rhode Island](#), have recently employed to combat EEE.

"We are taking this step to help protect the health and safety of Michiganders in areas of the state that are being affected by this dangerous mosquito-borne disease," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, MDHHS chief medical executive and chief deputy for health. "The continuing number of cases in both people and animals indicate an ongoing risk for EEE exposure. We continue to urge residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites until a hard frost."

The pesticide being used is Merus 3.0 which is an organic pesticide containing 5 percent pyrethrin. Pyrethrins are chemicals found naturally in some chrysanthemum flowers. They are a mixture of six chemicals that are toxic to insects. Pyrethrins are commonly used to control mosquitoes, fleas, flies, moths, ants and many other pests. Pyrethrins have been registered for use in pesticides since the 1950s.

In general, health risks are not expected during or after spraying. No special precautions are recommended; however, residents and individuals who have known sensitivities to pyrethrins can reduce potential for exposure by staying indoors during spraying. Aerial spraying is not expected to have any impacts on surface water or drinking water.

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Aerial spraying will be conducted in the nighttime hours as this is when mosquitos are more active. It is also when fish are less likely to be at the surface feeding and honeybees are most likely to be in their hives. However, owners should cover small ornamental fishponds during the night of spraying. While it is not necessary to bring animals indoors during spraying, concerned pet owners can bring animals inside during spraying.

Additional information about aerial spraying and other health-related information is available in a Frequently Asked Questions document at Michigan.gov/EEE.

As of Sept. 27, EEE has been confirmed in nine people, with three fatalities, in Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo and Van Buren counties. In addition, cases have occurred in 27 animals from 13 counties: Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Genesee, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Montcalm, Newaygo, St. Joseph and Van Buren. There is an EEE vaccine available for horses, but not for people. Additional animal cases are under investigation.

MDHHS is continuing to encourage local officials in the affected counties to consider postponing, rescheduling or cancelling outdoor activities occurring at or after dusk, particularly activities that involve children. This would include events such as late evening sports practices or games or outdoor music practices. The MDHHS recommendation is being made out of an abundance of caution to protect the public health and applies until the first hard frost of the year.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the United States, with a 33 percent fatality rate in people who become ill. People can be infected with EEE from the bite of a mosquito carrying the viruses. Persons younger than age 15 and over age 50 are at greatest risk of severe disease following infection.

Although the aerial spray is considered necessary to reduce human risk, it will not eliminate it. Residents must continue to protect themselves from mosquito bites by:

- Avoid being outdoors from dusk to dawn when mosquitos that carry the EEE virus are most active.
- Applying insect repellents that contain the active ingredient DEET, or other U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-approved product to exposed skin or clothing, and always follow the manufacturer's directions for use.
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors. Apply insect repellent to clothing to help prevent bites.
- Maintaining window and door screening to help keep mosquitoes outside.
- Emptying water from mosquito breeding sites around the home, such as buckets, unused kiddie pools, old tires or similar sites where mosquitoes may lay eggs.
- Using nets and/or fans over outdoor eating areas.

Signs of EEE infection include the sudden onset of fever, chills, body and joint aches which can progress to a severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Anyone who thinks they may be experiencing these symptoms should contact a medical provider. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases.

More information, including a Frequently Asked Questions document, are available at Michigan.gov/EEE.

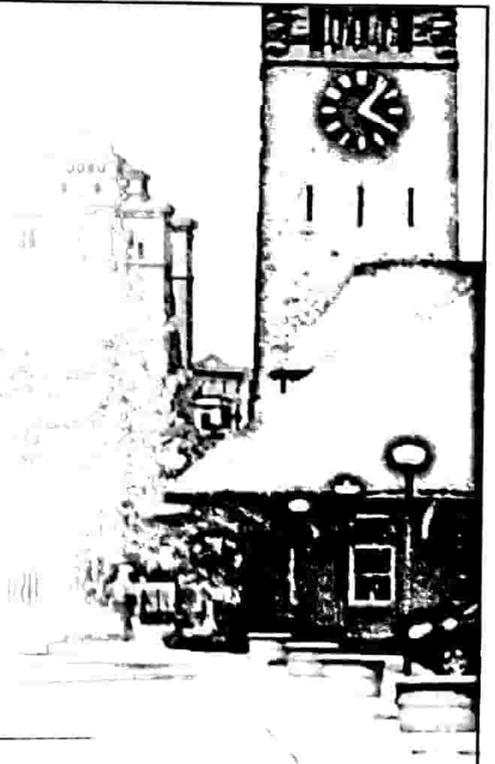


The Community Development Division

Coordinates planning and administers state and federal grants on behalf of the City.

The Five Year Consolidated Plan

Every five years a Plan is created that establishes priorities for community development work in Battle Creek and governs how the City allocates grant funds to projects and programs.



The Consolidated Plan – Sources of Revenue

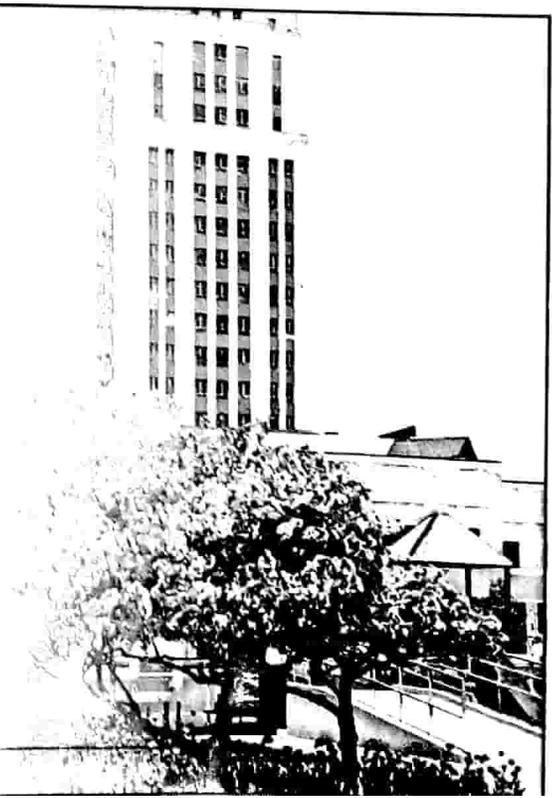
	<u>Per Year</u>
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1.2 million
HOME Investment Program (HOME)	\$220,000
CHIP Medicaid Lead Safe Program (CHIP LSP)	\$1.5 million



Community Development Division
2020-24 Consolidated Plan

The Consolidated Planning Cycle

July – Aug	Propose Strategic Priorities
Sept – Oct	Public Survey & Workshops
November	Review Community Input Modify Strategic Priorities Generate List of Potential Projects
December	Choose Projects/Programs
Jan – May	Creation of the Consolidated Plan Publish Budget Public Hearing on Plan Adoption of Plan by City Commission
July	Begin Program Year One



Community Development Division
2020-24 Consolidated Plan

Who can participate in the process for development of the New Zoning Ordinance?

All residents, business owners, and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the development of the New Zoning Ordinance. City staff is available to meet with anyone who has any questions or wants more information on the New Zoning Ordinance. Please call 269-966-3320 to schedule a meeting. The zoning ordinance rewrite also will involve community input including a charrette scheduled for October 7, 8, & 9 (please see attached schedule and plan on attending). A charrette a series of planning meetings where neighbors can participate in the planning process and provide input on future development preferences for Battle Creek. A website has been developed and information about the zoning ordinance can be found at www.battlecreekzoma.com. Please tell us what you like about our current ordinance and things you would like to see changed with the ZOMA rewrite project at www.publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov

Working Charrette Schedule where the public is invited and should plan on attending at 150 S. Kendall Street in the multipurpose room.

Monday, October 7, 2019-DAY ONE-Concept

5:00PM-7:00PM-OPEN STUDIO

7:00PM-9:00PM-KICK OFF PRESENTATION; FOOD FOR THOUGHT & VISIONING EXERCISE

Tuesday, October 8, 2019-DAY TWO-Feedback

5:00PM-7:00 PM-OPEN STUDIO

Wednesday, October 9, 2019-DAY THREE-Refinement

12:00PM-2:00PM-OPEN STUDIO

7:00-9:00PM-OPEN HOUSE; PRESENTATIONS OF ALTERNATIVES AND PREFERENCES-DOT VOTING



CITY OF BATTLE CREEK COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT – PLANNING and ZONING

Battle Creek Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment (ZOMA) Rewrite Project

The City's Planning Department will lead an update of the laws that governs land use, the size and placement of buildings, and other factors that shape our community's character by rewriting the zoning ordinance. This is the first major rewrite since 1984, and staff anticipates completing it by spring 2020.

While wide, sweeping regulatory changes are not anticipated there are many updates needed to bring the ordinance into alignment with the community's vision for strong neighborhoods, an active downtown, successful businesses, and an engaged community. With questions, and for more information, contact Glenn Perian at 269-966-3320 or visit the project website at www.battlecreekzoma.com

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Zoning Ordinance and why is it important?

The Zoning Ordinance is one of the most influential regulatory documents to shape the future of Battle Creek. It is intended to implement the land use and design goals in the Master Plan and other City policies, be consistent with State and federal law, and provide a basis for reviewing applications for new construction as well as alterations and additions to existing buildings.

Why does Battle Creek need a New Zoning Ordinance?

Battle Creek's current Zoning Ordinance has not had a major rewrite since 1984. The purpose of a Zoning Ordinance is to create an effective set of land use and development regulations that ensures future growth to be consistent with the Master Plan, is clear and easy to use, will reduce inconsistencies and provides objective standards and criteria for use in the development review and permitting process that will result in high quality development.

What regulations are changing?

Changes are being made to make the New Zoning Ordinance easier to use and understand and to make the new Zoning Ordinance consistent with State and Federal laws. Sweeping regulatory changes are not anticipated. But the primary purpose of the new Zoning Ordinance is to implement the newly adopted Master Plan.

What are the next steps in the Zoning Ordinance update process?

A three day charrette is planned for Monday, Oct. 7 through Wednesday, Oct. 9th in the multipurpose room at DPW. Please see the reverse side for more specific information and we look forward to seeing you there!

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK: FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN (2020-24)

2020 Consolidated Plan

Proposed Strategic Priorities

STRATEGIC VALUE SCORE CARD

To ensure safe, prosperous, and equitable communities by creating strong, sustainable, and inclusive neighborhoods and quality affordable housing for all people in Battle Creek.

AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE AND SAFE HOUSING 24%

- Ensure Safety of Rental Housing
- Increase the Number & Diversity of Housing Options
- Preserve and Maintain Existing Units
- Increase Access to Affordable Housing

EFFICIENT USE & ACTIVATION OF LAND 12%

- Preserve Natural Resources for the Public
- Improve Connectivity Between Neighborhoods & Downtown
- Assemble Properties for Large Scale Development
- Promote Higher Densities

INVESTMENT IN COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES 20%

- Improve Community Development Delivery Systems
- Increase Cross Sector Collaboration
- Support Efforts Around Homelessness Prevention

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT 19%

- Provide Clear Pathways That Support Use & Access to Resources
- Increase Community Access to the City's Decision Making Process

FAIR HOUSING 7%

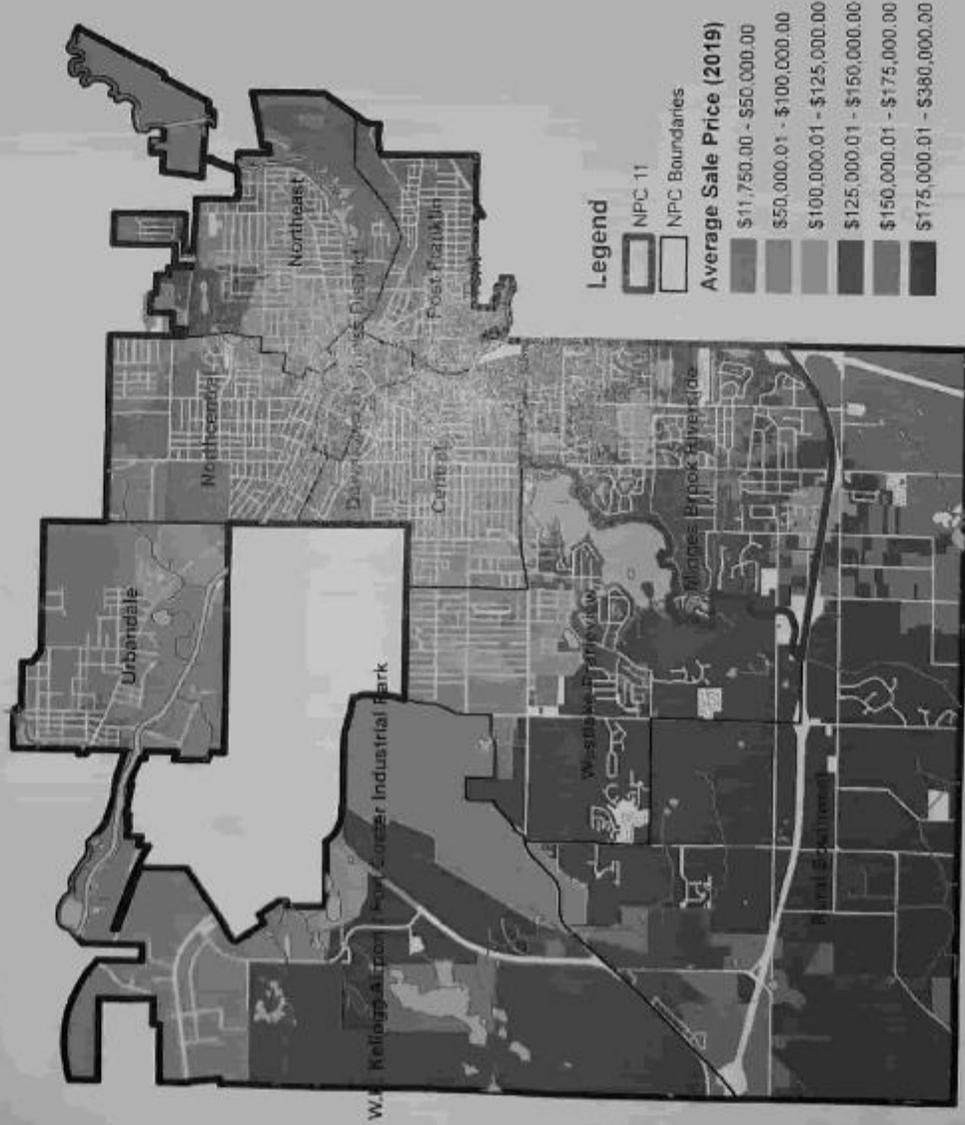
- Educate the Public on Fair Housing Laws
- Address Complaints About Discrimination
- Investigate Impediments to Fair Housing

NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY 18%

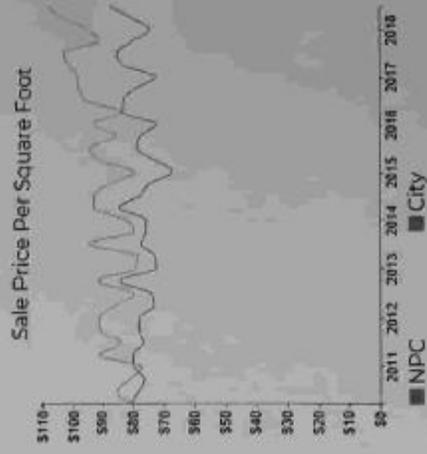
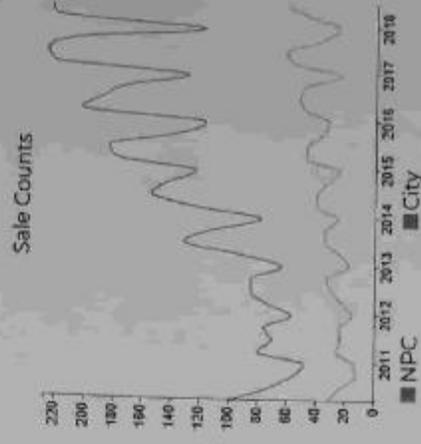
- Create a Sense of Place
- Provide Access to Affordable Recreation
- Improve Property Conditions in IWI Neighborhoods
- Develop Intersections of Business Districts & Neighborhoods



2019 Minges/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC 11): Neighborhood Metrics



Residential Sale Indicators



Data Source: City of Battle Creek, Neighborhood Intel System <https://mi-battlecreek.dynamo.city>

CITY OF BATTLE CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL (NPC) 11 MEETING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES & RULES

Welcome to this NPC 11 meeting. We appreciate your taking the time to attend. Everyone will be given an opportunity to speak. Question may be ask when the Chairperson or program speaker invites them. Speakers will be provided an opportunity to address the NPC with general comments during the public comment portion of the agenda

Please understand that the meeting participants may, or may not, answer questions from the public that are raised during public comments portion of the meeting.

In order for us to have an effective meeting, we ask that you abide by the following rules:

1. Please wait for the Chairperson to acknowledge you before you speak.
2. Begin by stating your name and address, and please write down your information on the sign-in sheet. State your comments, opinions, or questions on the issue being discussed and direct them to the Chairperson.
3. To ensure that everyone has time to speak and that we can address other items on today's agenda, each speaker is ask to limit comments or questions to no more than three (3) minutes at each meeting, except that a speaker's time may be extended by decision of the Chairperson. Speakers are requested to speak one at a time on any item and to refrain from repeating the comments of previous speakers.
4. Please be respectful of your neighbors and presenters.

Again, thank you for taking the time to attend this Neighborhood Planning Council meeting.

Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) #11 Calendar of Upcoming NPC Meetings

(4th Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted)

Chair: Tate Trujillo
Vice Chair: Dan Buscher
Secretary: Tate Trujillo

All times are 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Central Christian Church - 713 Riverside Drive Battle Creek, MI 49015
DATES:
Wed Sept 25 th 2019
Wed Oct 23 rd 2019
Wed Dec. 4 2019 for combined Nov/Dec meeting
Wed Jan 22 th 2020
Wed Feb 26 th 2020
Wed Mar 25 th 2020

NPC 11 meetings have moved to a new location at Central Christian Church – 713 Riverside Drive. This is across the street approximately 1/5th of a mile south of our old meeting location, Riverside Elementary School.

