

Post / Franklin Neighborhood Planning Council
Thursday January 3, 2008
CAA Boardroom
175 Main St.
7:00 pm

Regular meeting of the Post/Franklin Neighborhood Planning Council called to order by Chairman John Cash at 7:00 pm

Attendance:

Members Present: John Cash, Louise Fuld, Linda Carmona, Pat Shellenberger, Teri Barker, John Kenefick, Katie Hubbard, James Moreno, Cynthia Fritz, Pamela Geleff

Members Absent: Lewis Chadderdon (excused), Don Stormer (excused) Elouise Fogg, Betty Butler, Carol Pennock (excused), Carla Petch,

Guests and Visitors: Ofc. C. Simpkins BCPD, City of BC Rep Dave Farmer, Citizen Herb Fuld, Jaime Nelson PFNCC, Chris Lussier NSO, Comm. John Godfrey, Comm. Susan Baldwin

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting were not available due to technical difficulties. They will be sent out with next month's correspondence and voted on at the next meeting.

Correspondence and Announcements:

Flyers:

- Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) Newsletter

Announcements:

- Kingman Museum will be sponsoring a day trip to the Chicago Field Museum on March 1 for more information call 965-5117

Committee and Staff Reports:

Police Department: Crime statistics report was handed out by Battle Creek Police Department representative Officer Charles Simpkins. Council members asked that the following issue be addressed:

- Black Ford Focus parking in front yard at 255 Main St.

Planning Department /City Staff (966-3320): Dave Farmer indicated that there was no Golden Service report available this month due to the Holidays.

Dave handed out a copy of notes from a meeting that was held to discuss the progress of Rental Ordinance 1463 Implementation. The meeting, which included city staff members, took place December 3, 2007 or 30 days after the beginning of that ordinance's enforcement. According to the notes and discussion with Dave enforcement of Ordinance 1463 is progressing and issues are being addressed as they arise.

Waste Management will be collecting Christmas Trees during the week of January 21-25. Residents may put them on the curb.

There was discussion about boarded up buildings which lead to questions about the length of time owners have to address issues concerning their properties. A question also came up about properties that are owned by the County Land Bank.

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: None

Membership:

New Member nominated: **Jaime Nelson, 2055 E Columbia, Battle Creek, MI**
As suggested at the November meeting a membership committee was formed consisting of Teri Barker, Jim Moreno, Pat Shellenberger and Jaime Nelson.

Neighborhood Services (966-3379): Chris Lussier reported:

Chris reported that the NSO would be hosting a Neighborhood Leaders Caucus on January 8th at 6:30 pm. The discussion topic for the evening which will include dinner will focus on collaborative efforts. Call NSO to reserve a place.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioners Baldwin and Godfrey informed the council of a new open to the public workshop that will be held each month with the commissioners and City staff. The informal information sharing sessions will take place in the commission chambers from 7-8 am on the first Tuesday of the month, although the January session is scheduled for next Tuesday January 8 due to the New Years holiday.

Old Business

Sub-Committee: John Cash reported that he had asked to attend a meeting with Housing Service providers who work in the Post Franklin neighborhood. He took with him a letter that was written by the Sub-Committee that outlined the council's views on the housing situation in our neighborhood. Council members then entered into a lengthy discussion about the importance of following the approval procedure for all communication endorsed by the Planning Council. John will provide a copy of the letter for review at the next meeting.

New Business

Member Comments

Cynthia Fritz reported that the CDBG allocation committee is in full swing and moving along in the process.

Louise Fuld announced the next Sub-Committee meeting will be held Thursday January 10th at Trinity Lutheran Church at 5:00 pm. A review of Sub-Committee meeting time and location will take place in order to maximize council member involvement.

Public Comments

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

**Thursday February 7th 2008
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Action Items:

- The council request that the **Jaime Nelson, 2055 E Columbia** be nominated for membership.
- It was suggested that the County Treasurer be invited to give a presentation on the Calhoun County Land Bank to the Council.

Teri Barker- Neighborhood Planning Council #1 Secretary