

Post / Franklin Neighborhood Planning Council
Thursday February 7, 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, Lewis Chadderdon Don Stormer, Eloise Fogg, Jaime Nelson

Members Absent: James Moreno (excused), Cynthia Fritz (excused) Betty Butler, Carol Pennock, Carla Petch, Pamela Geleff

Guests and Visitors: Ofc. J. Grafton BCPD, City of BC Rep Dave Farmer, City of BC Rep Todd Nowicki, Citizen Herb Fuld, Chris Lussier NSO, Comm. Sherry Sophia

Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the last 3 meetings were approved.

Correspondence and Announcements:

Chairman Cash received a flyer from the substance abuse council which he passed out to members.

Committee and Staff Reports:

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

- White pick-up truck parked in front of a house at Taft & Walnut (if this truck is properly licensed and in a legal parking place there is no problem)
- Semi Truck cab parked in the road

Officer Grafton informed members that the house at 100 Grenville which recently burned down was possibly a methamphetamine lab and that there was an increasing number of problems of this nature being found throughout the Post/Franklin neighborhood. He was asked to bring information back for the members on spotting the signs of this activity.

Planning Department /City Staff (966-3320):

Dave Farmer announced that this would be his last meeting as the city representative and introduced Todd Nowicki who will be attending the council meeting as the city rep from now on. A report containing the information formerly on the Golden Service report was handed out. Another report was handed out that contained overall data on the rental ordinance for this year. Todd asked the group what type of reporting the group would like to see each month. It was agreed that Golden Service type information and the rental inspection data would be helpful.

There was much discussion around the fact that the Register Building, which stands in a state of semi-demolition is not on the list of dangerous buildings.

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: None

Membership: None

Neighborhood Services (966-3379): Chris Lussier reported NSO will be hosting a workshop on Collective Action on Wednesday February 20th. He also handed out an evaluation report for the Street Level Democracy Project which contained comparative data for planning councils across the community.

Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Sophia informed the group that she had received a call from Commissioner Godfrey asking her to express his regrets for having to miss the meeting. She then shared several points of information with the group:

- The commission sent a letter of support for the consolidation of the dispatch center
- The city attorney will be leaving to take a new position
- Restructuring has taken place in some of the city departments-Susan Bledsoe is in charge of code compliance work not dealing with rental issues
- She would like feedback from council members on how things are going
- There was some discussion around commission representation. It was expressed by a member that some parts of the Post/Franklin neighborhood lack representation due to the chosen focus of the elected official. Commissioner Sophia explained that the wards were reorganized after the last US Census.
- There was a question about the income received by the city from Cell Towers in Battle Creek

Sub-Committee: Pat Shellenberger noted that the Action Committee had copies of the letter that were the subject of discussion last month sent out with the minutes and agenda for review by the membership. The Action committee had a lengthy discussion about these letters and values the process for sharing information that represents the views of the planning council as a whole. Committee members believe that these letters contain information that had received prior approval and will continue to use only approved information when communicating on behalf of the council.

Motion/Pat Shellenberger-To accept the letter in question as approved information. Second/Louise Fuld- **APPROVED**

NOTE-Action Committee meeting time has been changed to 5:30 and will continue to take place on the 2nd Thursday each month at Trinity Lutheran Church. It is hoped that this time change will enable more participation from council members.

Old Business

New Business

Member Comments

- We don't get a lot of recognition
- Presentation to City Commissioners seems to have made a difference
- The Rental Ordinance is making a difference
- I hate to see Dave Farmer go
- Welcome back Lewis
- I glad to be back (that was Lewis)

Public Comments

None

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

**Thursday March 6th 2008
CAA Boardroom, 175 Main St.
7:00 pm**

Teri Barker- Neighborhood Planning Council #1 Secretary