

Coburn, Roosevelt, Territorial, Wilson Neighborhood Planning  
Council (Center) #3  
Thursday January 10, 2008  
Lakeview Middle School Library  
7 p.m.

1. Call to order/ time convened: 7:05 pm
2. **Attendance:** Members: Gloria Clissold, Cynde Foster, Joel Fulton, Phyllis Hopkins, James Nelson, Kirk Scott, Susanne Moreno Thurman.  
**City Officials:** Commissioner John Godfrey, Matt Flanders (housing Rehab Coordinator)  
**Others/Guests:** John Kenefick, Ariel Moreno  
**Excused:** Chris Lussier
- 3 Addition or Deletions to the Agenda? Add—Nomination Committee Report, Joel has a letter to read.
- 4 Approval of the Previous Minutes: Quorum- yes motion by Phyllis, Support by Susanne to accept the December 2007 minutes. CARRIED
- 5 **Correspondence and Announcements:** No correspondence.  
**Announcements:** BCATS reports handed out. Zoning Board of Appeals canceled January Meeting. Historic District Meeting on January 14, 2008. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Lighting Contest Winners were Resident: Moreno Family on N. Lavista, and Graham Family on W. Territorial. Business: Bowman Salon on Capital S.W. they all received fruit gift baskets from Horocks.  
Gloria told us of the brown bag lunch with mayor and the chairs of the NPC's of the city. He would like to have 3 to 4 of these in the year to learn our concerns; and what we expect of him. The condition of Stanley's was Golden/Riverside... Housing and crime in the Post/Franklin. No police reports at a lot of the NPC Meetings--- "so how can they be obtained if an officer won't be in attendance". How our Neighborhood Planning council would like to have more coverage by the news paper or shopper. They history of them, the number of them in the City, how to become a member or to attend meetings.  
  
Motions by Cynde, 2nd by Joel, to have Phyllis contact the Shopper to work on NPC coverage and information. CARRIED
6. **City Staff Reports**
  - A. Police Department NONE—no officer
  - B. Planning and Code Report: Matt Flanders: had only a one page report that had mostly information from Ward 3—not our NPC 3 boundary—as a new way of obtaining information to us is under way. There are glitches with this new report so—you can email

[sarahevanwormer@ci.battle-creek.mi.us](mailto:sarahevanwormer@ci.battle-creek.mi.us) for information (how issue was resolved) on any issues you might be interested in .... As she is working on the new report format. Or you can contact Matt for something specific (966-3323). You can still turn in complaints on Golden Services

Speakers: NONE

**7. Committee Reports:**

- A. **Commissioner Report:** Commissioner Godfrey talked on new position of Sue Bedsole (was in the BC Enquirer). She will now be at a Directors level over several areas (City Clerk, Inspections, and code officers). The code officers for the Ord. 1463 are in the Neighborhood Resource Center.

Waste Management will be picking up Christmas Trees the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Behnke had a 7am workshop the morning of this weeks Commission Meeting... it was suggested that these be held on the week in between to obtain any further information wanted. So the next one will be January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. In room 203A (City Hall) on Capital Improvement Plan.

- B. **CDAC:** Has met and after deliberation 3 agencies are to receive no Funding; and, 8 will receive funding to some degree. The amount not known fully as the amount from HUD isn't known. It will be presented to the City Commission in March. Gloria mentioned this is a worthwhile and eye opening committee to be on.
- C. **Schools:** Lakeview—Intermediate School District has made new busing arrangements to bus the special education students in Calhoun County to AJ or Doris Klaussen Which will save each school district money. The next meeting of the Lakeview School Board will be 1-14.
- D. **Membership:** We need to increase our membership with interested residents who will be committed to attend; not just for one issue. We need to have phone numbers/ phone numbers of people interested residents can contact.
- E. **Beautiful Battle Creek Michigan Award;** 72 Wiltshire
- F. **Businesses:** The Capital Corridor Group has not been active lately. Joel Fulton discussed he would like a letter of support from our Neighborhood Planning Council that will go to the Planning Commission; as James Roberts applies for a Special Use Permit on January 23, 2008 4 pm. City Hall (Rm301) to use property located at 529 Capital Ave SW as a tattoo Parlor. Motion by Joel; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phyllis to issue a letter of support.  
CARRIED.

The issue of poor lighting along the Capital Corridor discussed again... would trimming help or remove existing trees and replace with lower ornamental ones. What City Dept. must we contact??

8. **Old Business: Nomination Committee Report:** Chair—Gloria Clissold and Joel Fulton. Vice Chair—Phyllis Hopkins. Secretary—Susanne Moreno Thurman. Elections will be held at the meeting on February 21, 2008 (changed due to 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday is Valentines Day and we need all members there to have a quorum). Nominations from the floor can be accepted at that meeting also if you would like to hold an office. Also discussed was the Urban Mining (stealing of cooper or other metals) from vacant/abandoned building; that the burned building at 41 W. Fountain (with blue tarps on it) has been sold (after fire) to Nevada Corp. is property secure enough to keep people out?
9. **New Business for future Meetings:** Possible speakers Mary Tierny from STOP; Gail Minke from Troxel.
10. **Public/Guest Comments?** John Kenefick said that part of the reason NPC's Were developed had to do with HUD (housing Urban Development) monies. No NPC's—no grants.
11. **Members Comments?** Crime Watch has had their first meeting and has set up their Stealth Rally Dates. More information to be given later. Their next meeting is January 22 at 6p/m at the Neighborhood Resource Center—anyone interested is welcome to attend. Joel Fulton urges everyone to vote in upcoming primary in January 15<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*\* Motion By Cynde, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joel to move February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting to the following week of February 21<sup>st</sup> same time, same location. CARRIED

12. Adournment ( Time: 8:45pm By: motion Cynde 2<sup>nd</sup> Joel

Submitted by Secretary Cynde Foster

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