

Minutes NPC #3  
Thursday, April 10, 2008  
Neighborhood Services at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/time convened: 7:00 p.m.
2. Attendance: Members: Gloria Clissold, Phyllis Hopkins, Cynde Foster, Trudy Hall, Chris Lussier, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Kirk Scott, James Nelson, Chris Simmons.  
City Officials: Commissioner John Godfrey, Matt Flanders  
Guests: Julie Kroon, John Kenefick, Cindy Fadel, John H Hennick, Tom Cramutolo, Tim Nendorf.
3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda? Elections were held: Chair Gloria Clissold: Vice Chair, Phyllis Hopkins, Secretary, Susanne Moreno-Thurman.
4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Quorum- yes. Motion by Phyllis Hopkins, supported by Kirk Scott to approve previous minutes of January, February, March 2008. Carried
5. Correspondence and Announcements: BCATS reports handed out, citywide Spring clean up the week of May 5-9. Battle Creek Transit Forum schedule handed out.
6. City Staff Reports
  - a. Police Department – Officer – none present
  - b. Planning and Code Report – Matt Flanders handed out report with colored pie. These reports can be customized due to changes in the software, but accessing what activity happened to a particular incident cannot be accessed anymore on Golden Service site. How do we find this information out????

Speakers – none
7. Committee Reports:
  - a. Commissioner Report: Commissioner Godfrey told us when the Budget Workshop would be and will continue through several months...brought to City Commission in June for vote, goes into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. So attend one or contact Commissioners with your desires asap. There are restrictions as to what can be put out for Spring Cleanup. Workshop on Full Blast is April 15, Room 302 A.
  - b. CDAC: This is done for this year. List has been presented to Commission to be voted on in June and distributed in July. Residents are urged to attend “Community Participation Meetings” to give thoughts on HUD Funds should be spent—resident input accounts for 15% consideration. Our NPC had good participation.
  - c. Schools: There will be meetings at Minges School for residents to give input on what to do with the school. If the bond passes for two new “super elementary”

schools passes in August on the Riverside and Westlake School sites. They would add \$110 a year to taxes on a home \$100,000. Three buses to be replaced due to fire.

- d. Membership – none
- e. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: Phyllis will go out in nice weather to gather more properties and encourages members to bring properties to her also. Two suggested to be checked out were at the corners of Orleans/Highland and Eldred/N Lavista (that had just been resided and fixed up from bad shape)
- f. Businesses : none

8. Old Business to be finalized: Spring Project so grant from BCCF can be completed. You must attend an Orientation to apply for a grant. These are on the first Thursday of the month 4:40 pm in the board room of the Battle Creek Community Foundation.

Check into sending minutes out by email to those who want them this way.

9. New Business for Future Meetings: Have Mike Buckley or someone from his office explain the “Neighborhood Enterprise Zone:

10. Public/Guest Comments: Tim Nendorf expressed pleasure that the Foundation Youth Program is being used, and he is running for the House of Representatives.

Cindy Fadel was urged to come and speak to our NPC about property she and her husband own at the corner of Territorial and Woodrow. It is zoned residential that has a business building on it, and can’t be sold as commercial property. She wanted to know our thoughts on being rezoned.

Tom Cramutolo came to talk to us as he owns rental and vacant property around Cindy’s. If she gets hers zoned commercial he wants to possibly do some changes to his to develop vacant lots.

More information and discussion needed on these before any endorsements can be made.

John Hennink mentioned that he was encouraged to attend to see the positive action within our NPC as Merrit Commons Association is to be revived.

11. Members Comments – James Nelson said he felt reports from Neighborhood Services are well done.

It was mentioned that our meetings need better “time management” as we seem to have such long meetings and we can’t cover all we need to get to. A timer to make sure a 3 minute time frame is used would help.

12. Adjournment ( Time 9:15 PM)

Respectfully submitted by Cynde Foster, Secretary