

NPC #3
Thursday, May 8, 2008
Lakeview Middle School 7-9pm

1. Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:08p.m.

2. Attendance: All present signed in? Yes

Members: Gloria Clissold, Cynde Foster, Trudy Hall, James Nelson, Phyllis Hopkins, Trudy Hall, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Chris Simmons

Absent: Kirk Scott, Joel Fulton

City Officials: Matt Flanders, City Commissioners: John Godfrey No Representative from Police Department present.

Guests: Diane Thompson, John Kenefick

3. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda? None

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Quorum- Yes...Motion by Chris Simmons and seconded by Susanne. Motion Passed.

5. Correspondence or Announcements: Zoning Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, Summit Pointe Culp Court. Historic District Garage Rehab on Manchester. Mix Hardware Variance Request to City Commission to rebuild structure as it had burned down completely.

6. City Staff Reports

a. Police Department (Officer Victor Pierce & Officer Marshall from South Sector Present). South & Central Sector of NPC area. South Sector is South of Goguac Street. North of Goguac is North Central Sector. Officer Jeff Case is the Sgt for the Central Sector of NPC#3 area he is also familiar with problems concerning drug houses, he is currently assigned to afternoon shift, previously worked the South Sector for 6 months midnight shift. There have been 39 larcenies in the area. Statically we see the problems issues start out as small, domestic then they escalate. Majority of Rental homes there is no accountability; tenant's point of view creates more problems 22nd-24th Street. Projects most problems, Central Sector is Spring, Fountain Street. Bidwell has a higher point of problems now. Rental or Abandon Vacant Buildings/Houses we are now seeing that copper pipes & wires are being stolen from properties, which is now making it to where no one can move into abandoned/vacant houses because it would cost more to replace pipes etc. If an officer sees this happening, then they are able to arrest person(s) without a phone call. 30 E. Columbia Ryan's Restaurant Parking Lot is now being for skateboarding. Juveniles are being turned over to their parents, due to their age cannot lodge in the Juvenile Home. Curfew for kids under 18 yrs of age is 10 pm. Officer Stewart Bell is working w/Neighborhood Services (Eric Morris & Tim Neendorf of the Community Foundation) to create a City Park for Skateboarders. There is an exception to search warrants, when officers get a complaint about houses. Domestic Reports officers give out a victim's

resource card when taking complaint with number on it. Scooters only 1 person can ride, driver has to wear a helmet. Victor Pierce will assign officer to come to NPC Monthly Meetings to accompany him to meetings. If officers are unable to attend meetings for NPC's we can pick up reports for meetings. Victor Pierce's Direct Line is 966-3306 ext2121. Direct Sgt's # is 966-3356. Make sure if you call PD to talk with Officer Pierce please ask for Victor Pierce, as his brother Mark also works for the PD.

b. Planning and Code Report Matt Flanders absent. Reports were dropped off for meeting.

Speakers: None

7. Committee Reports:

a. Commissioner Reports Commissioner Chris Simmons talked about Property Survey, which used to be called Systematic Housing stated that Susan Bedsole had attended the Westlake/Prarieview NPC meeting and had stated that she would like to have all properties surveys of properties completed by August of 2009 is the estimated time. Quotas for Code Officers have been upped due to quotas being met. Ordinances are being enforced also. Budget Process May 15th meeting top be held at DPW on Kendall, presented with refined budget, may see changes. New Public Comment. City Manager Wayne Wiley set to retire as of June 27th, 2008. There will be committee to appoint an Interim City Manager. Second Committee will conduct the City Manager Search. Commissioners Simmons & Thompson are both on Committee for City Attorney search. Michigan Municipal League does search process, which includes background, checks on prospective City Attorney Candidates. Mike Buckley dropped off NEZ Paperwork. John stated that Michigan Municipal League has set of bills in State Legislature to change Neighborhood NEZ (Neighborhood Entrepreneur Zone), instead of being in areas they have to be in residence. NEZ designated legislature doesn't allow us to increase NEZ. Some areas need Revitalization, buying homes to refurbish them. Tax Credit is then given for 10 years for those who do this.

b. CDAC Finished until the fall.

c. Schools: Jim Nelson School Board Millage vote in August concerning elementaries in Lakeview. There will be many information meetings within the next 3 months. Voting on Millage will be on August 5, 2008. Battle Creek Enquirer incorrectly reported that there was a pick-up & that there was a finalization concerning Schools partnership with the City. No decision has been made concerning this, schools have gathered residents input, residents don't want more expansion, we want to preserve green space. Minges students would attend Riverside if millage is passed to expand Riverside which would consolidate students from Minges to Riverside, as the school would be able to accommodate these students. What would happen to Minges Brook Elementary? John stated that School District would possibly be in charge of tearing down old building, as school still owns property. City doesn't have funds to turn area by

Territorial School into Park or to mow. Simulated Bomb Exercise at High School & Cooperative EMS lockdown simulated, drill went very well, school staff & administrators still well prepared.

- d. Membership (new additions?) Pending
 - e. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: 114 Summer Street. Phyllis has submitted 20 new houses & businesses for awards.
8. Business Old Business to be finalized: NPC#3 minutes & Agenda to be emailed to those members who signed up to have minutes emailed to them rather than receiving them via regular mail. Passed. Commissioner John Godfrey stated that City Commissioners need to be invited to Neighborhood Association meetings, as Neighborhood Association meetings do not follow Open Meetings Act, as these Association meetings are private meetings and do not fall under the Arm of the City Commission.
 9. New Business for Future Meetings: Potential Meeting Site for Meetings Michigan Tile & Carpet Conference Room? Phyllis asked Jim Nelson to be on committee to discuss and search for possible sites for meetings. Chris Simmons will check with his church 20th Street Church of Christ, to ask for possible site for meeting place. Table NPC#4 agenda changes for our minutes/agenda, we will need to have this go before members of NPC we need a quorum within the NPC of members to vote on whether or not to make changes to current agendas. NPC#4 CrimeWatch rally planning is in full swing invite & come to rallies all members of NPC. NHUSA Conference to be held May22nd-24th for the Best Neighborhood of the Year, in Hampton, VA. CrimeWatch is 1 of 4 finalists set to compete. Meetings we need to limit speakers to specified time allotted for speaker to shorter times, in order to finish meetings on time. Susan Bedsole possible speaker or invite to a meeting would like to do a Quarterly or twice a year to report on Code's Progress & update what is happening at City Hall in the Code Department.
 10. Public /Guest Comments? None
 11. Members Comments? None
 12. Adjournment (Time: 8:45 p.m.) BY: Cynde 2nd Chris Simmons
 13. Next Meeting: June 12, 2008, Neighborhood Resource Center @ 7:00 p.m.
Minutes Submitted By: Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Secretary