

**Westlake/Prairieview Neighborhood Planning Council #10**  
**Council Minutes – Monday, April 28 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**  
First Assembly of God Church  
800 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

**1. Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Gary Blagg, Chair.

**2. Attendance**

**Members: Present**

- Steve Barker, John Behrendt, Opal Bell, Gary Blagg, Diana Cole, Julie Davis, Joyce Garrett, Pete Francisco, Gerald Gilbert Karol Henegar, Dwight Grandgenett, Jeff Koteles, Jack Ludlow, Linda Patenaude, Mary Lou Ramon, Joseph Ratti, Cecil Salinas, Len Spano, David Weaver

**Members: Absent**

- Sandy Barrus, Cal Canfield, Gary Dodd, Joanne Heinrich, Gerald Gilbert, Bill Morris, Joann Novelli, Maria Ozello, Nancy Slocum, Mary Lyn Smith, Jim Walbeck, Luann Walbeck, David Wood

**Guests:**

- Commissioner Chris Simmons, NPC #2 Chairwoman Rosetta Sanders, John Kenefick, Rita Grandgenett, Jean Spano, Jo Francisco, Jeff, Jodi, Riley and Reagan Damore
- **City Staff Present:** BC Licensing & Compliance Director Susan Bedsole, Neighborhood Services Vickie Ellis, Sgt. Victor Pierce (BCPD), and Officer Christopher Hug (BCPD).

**3. Additions /Deletions to agenda: None**

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

- On a motion by Steve Barker with support from Mary Lou Ramon, the minutes for the March 2008 were approved without change. **Passed.**

**5. Correspondence and Public Service Announcements from Commissioners**

- Chairman Blagg announced that he had received *The Signal*, Winter, 2008. It is the newsletter of the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study.
- An NPC member gave Chairman Blagg a copy of an email she received from Chris J. Dopp, City Engineer. The main points of the email were:
  - Sidewalk installation on Hupp Road 24-28 and on 24<sup>th</sup>- Columbia to Charles E. Plaza
  - The City is preparing a grant for safe routes to school for a sidewalk on Hupp Road from 28<sup>th</sup> to Buick to tie in the Westlake School.

**Commissioner Chris Simmons**

- Announced there would be a 5:30 p.m. budget meeting at DPW. Citizens can speak on budget matters at this meeting during the public input segment.
- Favors cutting the budget 3% by consolidation and efficiency.
- In a response to a question, stated that he too is concerned about spending up to the projected income from taxes.

## 6. Police Report:

- Officer Hug and Sgt. Pierce presented the Police report. They distributed a handout, *“Westlake/Prairieview – Part I and II Offenses, March, 2008”*
- They stated that overall things went very well the last month in our NPC area.
  - They reviewed the traffic enforcement activities on 24<sup>th</sup> Street and reported they would continue to patrol that area for speeding.
  - There was a call to Lakeview High School related to drugs.
  - The BCPD is targeting 22, 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets based on the high number of calls for service from residents.

## 7. Committee Reports:

- **Membership: Mary Lou Ramon**
  - Mary Lou asked for recommendations for new members.
- **Beautification: No report available**
- **CDAC: Linda Patenaude**
  - Linda had nothing new to report.
- **Planning Commission: Steve Barker**
  - No meeting scheduled.
  - Overlay zone request considered at last meeting.
  - Commission will vote on the overlay zone request next month.

## 8. City Staff Reports:

### Neighborhood Services: Vicki Ellis

- Vickie distributed the Code Compliance and Inspections Issues for April 2008. You can also go to [www.ci.battle-creek.mi.us/NPC/NPCReport.cfm](http://www.ci.battle-creek.mi.us/NPC/NPCReport.cfm) for the NPC Reports for Westlake.
- The majority of entries on the report were “Property Survey” or “Rent Inspection- Complaint”. Many of them were reported “Closed”.

## 9. Old Business/Progress Reports:

### Special Reports:

- **Woodland Park Report: Joyce Garrett**
  - PowerPoint revised.
  - Woodland Park Foundation has been making presentations and is available to NPCs and other community groups.
  - New Woodland Park Foundation brochure will be available next week.
  - Scouts are going to put up trail markers in the park.
  - Gary Dodd organized a clean up at the park.
- **Columbia Ave BID Report: Taken from Carl Dean’s presentation**
  - a. Proposing the Columbia Ave BID be extended to include Meijer’s
  - b. Poggemeyer Design Group will conduct a market analysis.

## 10. New Business: None

**11. Program: Karl Dehn, Battle Creek Unlimited Marketing Director**

- Using a 20-slide PowerPoint presentation Karl Dehn reviewed the expansion and reinvestment plans for:
  - Fort Custer Industrial Park
  - W.K. Kellogg Airport
  - bcVentures
  - Downtown
  - Kellogg Company
  - Other City Commercial Districts and Projects
  
- Karl presented an encouraging picture of future expansion and reinvestment plans with considerable detail for all of the above. [www.bcunlimited.org](http://www.bcunlimited.org) and *Velocity*, "Your Premier Business and Family Relocation Information, [www.WelcomeToBattleCreek.com](http://www.WelcomeToBattleCreek.com) provide access for the specifics of the topics he explained.

**12. Comments for the Good of the Order: None**

**13. Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting is May 26, 2008 @ 7:00pm.

**14. Adjournment:**

- Chair Blagg adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**Respectively submitted by:** Dwight Grandgenett, Secretary

**Attached: Property Survey Checklist, City of Battle Creek – handed out by Susan Bedsole, Licensing and Compliance Director**