

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

1. Call to Order

- Gary Blagg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Pete Francisco delivered the Invocation.

2. Attendance

Present Members

- John Behrendt, Gary Blagg, Cal Canfield, Julie Davis, Gary Dodd, Joyce Garrett, Pete Francisco, Dwight Grandgenett, Jeff Koteles, Bill Morris, Linda Patenaude, Mary Lou Ramon, Joseph Ratti, Cecil Salinas, Jim Walbeck, David Weaver (16)

Excused Members

- Steve Barker, Sandy Barrus, Opal Bell, Diana Cole, Joanne Heinrich, Gerald Gilbert, Karol Henegar, Joann Novelli, Maria Ozello, Nancy Slocum, Mary Lyn Smith, Len Spano, Luann Walbeck, David Wood (14)

Guests

- BC Commissioner Susan Baldwin (Rep. 62nd District State House Candidate), Angie Kramer (MDOT), Brad Weiferich (MDOT), Rita Grandgenett, Jerry Mitchell, Martin Brenner, Perceous Batch, Calhoun County Commissioner Greg Moore (Rep. 62nd District State House Candidate) (8)
- **City Staff Present:** Eric Morris (Neighborhood Services) (1)

3. Additions /Deletions to agenda: Columbia Business District Update added.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: Passed

- On a motion by Bill Morris with support from Jeff Koteles, the minutes for the June 2008 were approved without change.

5. Correspondence

- Chairman Blagg announced that he had received ***The Signal, spring, 2008***. It is the newsletter of the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (**BCATS**). It was passed around the table for members' perusal.

Public Service Announcements from Commissioners - None

6. Police Report:

No police officers were present to report.

7. Committee Reports

- **Membership: Mary Lou Ramon**
 - Mary Lou asked for recommendations for new members.
- **Beautification**
- No report was available from Joann Novelli's because her husband has been very ill.

- Mary Lou provided a card for Joanne that members signed.
- **CDAC: Linda Patenaude**
- Linda reported that CDAC will sponsor five sessions through August to “obtain input from citizens about what they believe is required, and expressing their concerns in addressing decent housing, suitable living environments, expanding economic opportunities and how to end chronic homelessness in the City of Battle Creek.” Quoted from a flyer prepared by Community Development announcing the workshops and passed around by Linda.
- **Planning Commission**
- Bill Morris, a member, reporting in Steve Barker’s absence, indicated there was nothing new from the Planning Commission to bring to the group.

8. City Staff Reports

- **Neighborhood Services: Eric Morris**
- Eric distributed the Code Compliance and Inspections Issues for July 2008 (6/23/08-7/28/08). Members can also visit www.ci.battle-creek.mi.us/NPC/NPCReport.cfm for the NPC Reports for Westlake.
- Members asked that the report be organized by specific issue in the future.
- Note: I checked with Rebeca and she said that was possible and she would give our request to the appropriate person so it could be done in the future. Dwight

9. Old Business/Progress Reports: Special Reports

- **Woodland Park Report: Joyce Garrett**
- New Woodland Park Foundation brochure is now available.
- Scouts continue working on trail markers for the trails park.
- The group is investigating ways to collaborate with the Calhoun Conservation District on Environmental Education activities.
- **Columbia Ave BID Report: Bill Morris**
- Businesses in the BID have received information for their approval information.
- Businesses in the BID are taxed on a per square foot basis on their property.
- The BID is self-regulated.
- The BID boundary currently stops at 20th street.
- No BC tax dollars are used for the improvements.
- Sidewalks, signage, buried power lines are examples of improvements that could be implemented in the BID starting within the next year.

10. New Business: Airport Noise Abatement Report

- Linda Patenaude reported that the airport noise abatement study was progressing.
- The committee met for the first time on July 10, 2008.
- The committee has requested input from the public and has installed noise tracking devices to provide data.
- Contact Linda with recommendations or for information.
- No date has been set to bring back data to the group.

11. Program: MDOT Angie Kramer and Brad Weiferich MDOT staff members

- Angie and Brad discussed the attached summary sheet of their presentation. See attachment.

- In addition, Angie and Brad discussed with members traffic situations in several parts of Battle Creek, including the difficulty of getting on to Columbia at La Vista.

12. Comments for the Good of the Order:

- Gregg Moore, Calhoun County Commissioner and also a Republican candidate for the 62nd District State House introduced himself and explained his qualifications to the group.
- Susan Baldwin, Battle Creek City Commissioner, Republican candidate for the 62nd District State, indicated that she would be available after the meeting for questions and comments. She had spoken at the previous NPC meeting.

13. Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is August 25, 2008 @ 7:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

- Chair Blagg adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectively submitted by: Dwight Grandgenett, Secretary

Attached: MDOT Prairieview NPC Update on July 28, 2008 distributed by Angie Kramer (MDOT) and Brad Weiferich (MDOT)