

North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ December 14, 2010 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

2. Attendance

Members Present: Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Keith McDonald, Sheryl McDonald and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Rosetta Sanders, Betty Settles and Cynthia Wyatt **Members Absent:** Jeffery Dinkins, Nina LaGrand, and Steve Lee **Commissioner:** Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Marcie Gillette, Officers Chad Francisco, Art McClenney **Guests:** AJ Jones-FHC, John Hennink-NPC #10

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Table November 23, 2010 minutes, no quorum

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: addition - Nominating Committee Selection

5. Correspondence & Announcements: None

6. Battle Creek Public Schools: None

7. Speakers: None

8. Committee Reports

Membership: K. McDonald and D. Young agree to draft appeal letter/press release for local media and will get with each other to prepare something for our review at the January meeting. Neighborhood Incorporated of Battle Creek and the Family Health Center both were voted in as members in NPC #2 as organizations. **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** L. Ward Gray submitted 189 Redner and 410 N Washington. **CDAC:** Jeffrey Dinkins – absent, no report

9. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco reported, 1) Officer Joe Wilder was added as the second officer to the afternoon shift (4p-12p) downtown, 2) the issue with the barber shop was put on their 24 hours board and turned over to SIU (Special Investigation Unit) and it was brought to the attention of the Drug Unit, 3) Handy's is still not selling liquor, the activity there has dropped way down. The store plans to move from Hubbard to Michigan Ave - (more discussion ensued), and 4) the BCPD working with the city attorney on a B&E ordinance because people are stealing property and selling to second hand city/pawn shops. This ordinance would allow BCPD to register on a network so when the pawn shop takes in stolen property PD would receive a hit. **City Staff Representative:** Provided City/Government Neighborhood Services Report **Commissioner Comments:** Passed out city workshop schedule from Commissioner L. Ward Gray

10. Old Business: Membership Recruitment Plan needs to start taking space and form. All of our time is valuable so while we have the energy let's get something done. This NPC needs new vision and a plan. What is the biggest need in this NPC, what is the plan? Where are we spending our resources? Do we want a safe and healthy community? What do the neighbors want? NPC #2 and FHC need to work together and organize around the barber shop and convenience store. Let's refocus and get something down. Plan tabled until January 2011 meeting.

11. New Business: Motion by Lynn to add Family Health Center (FHC) and Neighborhood Inc. Battle Creek (NIBC) to NPC #2 as member organizations, it was voted by majority vote and that city administration will bring names/organization to city and L. Ward Gray will confirm with NIBC for them to add the organization to the membership. Motion by K. McDonald to extend the officers in their current positions for one year 2011-2012 with the NPC #2, it was seconded and voted by majority vote. This NPC #2 is still without a secretary or assistant secretary.

12. Member & Public Comments:

Public Comments: J. Hennink commented about the NPC #2 drafting an opinion on 1463 Proposal (Rental Housing) and Medical Marijuana **Member Comments:** S. Gray announced the NAACP Holiday Celebration and Installation of Officers invitation. L. Ward Gray announced WAD speaker on HIV/AIDS Awareness.

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods, Inc.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Samuel Gray, Chair