

North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Notes ~ July 13 and August 24, 2010 ~ Urban League of Battle Creek

1. Call to Order & Welcome: July 13th meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Keith McDonald, Vice Chair. August 24th meeting was cancelled by Samuel Gray, Chair at 7:30 p.m. due to low attendance. J. Dinkins, S. Gray and K. McDonald were the only members present

2. July 13, 2010 Attendance

Members Present: Jeffery Dinkins, Lynn Ward Gray, Kitty Hillian, Keith McDonald, Sheryl McDonald, and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Samuel Gray, Verna Hoopper, Tricia Kidder and Rosetta Sanders **Members Absent:** Jeannette Broadway, Ocella Cummings, James Gibby, Adora Johnson, Lee Jones, Nina LaGrand, Steve Lee, Larry Rizor, Betty Settles, Debbie Wiggins and Cynthia Wyatt **Guests:** Ron Sweet, Selena & Ernie Satchell **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco and Lieutenant Todd Madsen of BCPD

3. Notes from July 13, 2010 Planning Meeting:

- Officer Francisco introduced Liet. Todd Madsen who let us know he was newly assigned to our area, gave his card and offered his assistance if needed
- L. Gray gave an update on the letter to NPC 2 members. She has been delayed in getting them out due to her summer schedule. She plans to complete this task before the August meeting. It was also clarified by K. McDonald that anyone was welcome to come to the summer planning meetings. Both K. McDonald (Satchell's) and K. Hillian (R. Sweet) brought guests to this meeting
- All three guests present are interested in becoming members of NPC 2
- K. McDonald facilitated the rest of the meeting, the following was discussed:
 - Membership: Recruitment, creating different levels of involvement per K. McDonald's proposal. Many liked the idea of trying to reach residents from all neighborhoods of NPC 2 instead of certain neighborhoods in NPC2 as it is now
 - Direction for NPC 2: Discussion around the proposal brought forth by K. McDonald. Some members wanted to know if the proposal could be the base from which we build upon, K. McDonald was open to that. There was also discussion around where our focus should be, on membership or on a direction for NPC 2. Some felt we should build the membership first and let the new unit set the direction so there is buy-in to whatever plan they create. Others felt we needed to create a basis for a direction in order to give people a reason to get involved either as members appointed by the city commission or as concerned residents of NPC 2.
- K. McDonald stated he has provided a possible plan for NPC 2 and asked members present to come with a plan that they would like to put forward at the August meeting and we would go from there.

4. Next Planning Meeting: August date TBD due to August 3rd election, probably August 24 which is the 4th Tuesday instead of the 2nd, location will be the Urban League of Battle Creek

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Keith McDonald, Vice Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Ward Gray, Member and Acting Secretary until one is appointed