

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ June 8, 2010 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.**

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

2. Attendance

Members Present: Jeffery Dinkins, Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Steve Lee, Sheryl McDonald, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Absent:** Jeannette Broadway, Ocella Cummings, James Gibby, Verna Hoopper, Adora Johnson, Lee Jones, Tricia Kidder, Nina LaGrand, Keith McDonald, Larry Rizor, Rosetta Sanders, Debbie Wiggins and Cynthia Wyatt **Guests:** Chandra Youngblood **Commissioners:** Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco, Marcie Gillette, Sgt. Art McClenney and Greg Rickmar

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: It was moved and supported that the minutes from May 11, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: It was reported by Marcie Gillette that CDAC generally meets November-February and is a standing committee on most NPC agendas. Once CDBG funds are allocated, their work is done. Members of CDAC are notified when their term of service is about to expire and/or up for renewal. It was moved and supported to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of the CDAC report for tonight's meeting and to place it on the agenda as a standing committee November-February. Motion carried

5. Correspondence & Announcements: S. Gray announced some upcoming events

6. Battle Creek Public Schools: Chandra Youngblood, principal of Ann J. Kellogg Elementary present. Specified efforts to address the traffic issues that occur during student pick up in the afternoons. Some changes are being considered to alleviate congestion.

7. Speaker: Greg Rickmar, Traffic Engineering Manager. Mr. Rickmar did not have the ability to answer most questions posed to him during the meeting. NPC 2 members asked that he provide the following information to the NPC 2 chair or Ward 2 representation when his research on the following questions is complete so they can report the findings at an upcoming NPC 2 meeting. 1) What is the likelihood of making Champion one way heading east, Kendall to Washington?, 2) Can a 4-way stop be placed at Manchester & Howland?, 3) Can a 4-way stop be placed at Manchester & Kendall?, 4) Can school crossing signs/signals, yellow beacons and paint lines be added to Champion street?, and lastly 5) We understand bike lanes were added to local streets as part of a master plan, what is the process if residents want them removed? Another question came up, "Who do you contact to request crossing guard support." L. Gray will check with the police department for some direction on this question.

8. Committee Reports

Membership: 1) L. Gray reported she had spoken with Verna Hoopper on June 3rd. Ms. Hoopper said she cares about the NPC 2 but because she'll be gone a lot and her health has been challenging, she felt it best she step aside and let someone who will be active take her place. L. Gray let her know we'd bring her resignation before the members for a vote and send out a confirmation letter. She was asked to contact the NPC 2 chair if she is interested in active service once again and we would place her name under consideration. At the time of this report, we did not have a quorum. 2) L. Gray presented the draft letter to NPC 2 members who have been absent. After discussion, it was moved and supported to send revised letter to all current members

and to include bylaws language in the letter so everyone has the same information in which to respond, motion carried. Those who do not respond or do not meet bylaw requirements as outlined will be candidates for removal from NPC 2. L. Gray will work on a new letter and send to M. Gillette who offered to mail it on behalf of NPC 2. **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** A list went around to record any BBCA nominees. The following addresses, in order listed, will be submitted for the BBCA at future commission meetings 166 Irving Park Drive, Ann J. Kellogg School, 730 W. Van Buren Street, and 90 W. Goodale Avenue

Ad Hoc Committee/Handy's Store: The May MLCC hearing has been rescheduled for June 14th where 2 violations, both sales to intoxicated persons, will be heard. Pastor Keith is working on getting a group of residents together to attend, asking pastors to send a minimum of 2 members.

9. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco reviewed the Crime Mapping report **City Staff Representative:** M. Gillette reviewed the Code Report and answered questions **Commissioner Comments:** Comm. Gray had no updates at this time

10. Old Business: A reminder that the July 13 & August (date TBA) meetings will be strategic planning meetings for NPC 2. Plan to meet at the Urban League of Battle Creek

11. New Business: None

12. Member & Public Comments

Public Comments: None **Member Comments:** Each member was given a chance to give closing comments

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Urban League of Battle Creek

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

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