

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ May 11, 2010 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.**

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

2. Attendance

Members Present: Jeffery Dinkins, Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Keith McDonald, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Rosetta Sanders **Members Absent:** Jeannette Broadway, Ocella Cummings, James Gibby, Verna Hoopper, Adora Johnson, Lee Jones, Tricia Kidder, Nina LaGrand, Steve Lee, Larry Rizor, Debbie Wiggins and Cynthia Wyatt **Guests:** John Hennink, Mike Jaconette, Sheryl McDonald, Ingrid Payton and George Strander **Commissioners:** Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco, Marcie Gillette, Chief Jackie Hampton and Sgt. Art McClenney

3. Guest Presentations: Candidates for Calhoun County Probate Judge, Mike Jaconette and George Strander were given time to present their candidacy to NPC2 members

4. Approval of Previous Minutes: It was moved by L. Gray and seconded by K. McDonald that the minutes from April 27, 2010 be approved with corrections. Motion carried

5. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: There was discussion about the need for this agenda item. Ultimately, it was moved by J. Dinkins and seconded by B. Settles that this agenda item remains on future agendas with a member option to revisit if needed. Motion carried

6. Correspondence & Announcements: None

7. Battle Creek Public Schools: None

8. Speaker: Chief Jackie Hampton. Welcomed resident involvement in improving neighborhoods, he spoke on that and addressed other questions that had been provided prior to the meeting. Members would like to look further into perhaps creating a survey to obtain NPC2 resident feedback on issues of concern to them so we could then work with the police department to create education and awareness campaign(s) around how residents can help in alleviating those concerns. There was also some discussion around how Crime Watch, Citizen's Police Academy and other resident volunteer efforts could help, perhaps invite members of these organizations to an upcoming NPC2 meeting as speakers or a separate meeting where training could be provided. Chief Hampton also provided a handout that outlined the number of calls for service, arrests and tickets for Handy's Store and other streets around Handy's Store from 2008-2010. L. Gray thanked Chief Hampton for his attendance and reminded members we'll have another guest speaker from the city at the June 8th meeting, Greg Rickmar, City Engineering Manager

9. Committee Reports

Membership: M. Gillette explained that due to the short turn around between the April NPC2 meeting and the city commission meeting, pending members; Sheryl McDonald, Sidney Moore, Diane Payton & Ingrid Payton, had not been brought before the city commission for appointment. Paperwork will be submitted for inclusion on the next city commission agenda. Membership chair will speak with Mr. Jeremiah Boggerty to confirm his interest in membership before placing on city commission agenda for appointment. Mrs. Vickie McDonald is a resident of NPC4, she is welcome to attend NPC2 as a guest. There was some discussion around expanding our by-laws past 30 member maximum. L. Gray stated she'd work to draft a letter with the Chair to NPC2

members who have not been in attendance within the last year to determine their interest in remaining a member. If current active NPC2 members know some of these members who have not been present, please have them contact the chair with their intentions. Those who respond that they no longer want to be members can be removed and for those who do not respond, according to NPC2 by-laws (Article IV, Section 4) Any regular member of the council who is absent three consecutive meetings, without notifying the secretary or chairperson, in one operational year, may be removed from membership by a vote of a seven member quorum. This action will help bring NPC2 residents to the table who are committed to being active in NPC2 and making NPC2 a better place for all **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** No BBCA nominees were recorded **Ad Hoc Committee/Handy's Store:** Comm. Gray reported the May MLCC hearing has been cancelled, we will communicate the new date once received. 30 day suspension begins May 14th. In addition, J. Dinkins requested the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) be added as a standing committee report, she is the NPC2 representative on the CDAC committee

10. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco reviewed the Crime Mapping report, stated larceny is up **City**

Staff Representative: M. Gillette reviewed the Code Report and answered questions.

Commissioner Comments: Comm. Gray gave the following updates: a) reminded members to go to the current Ethics Policy for the city commission and let her know if you have any suggested changes as we are currently reviewing the policy, b) reminded members to let her know if they have any comments or concerns about the 2010-11 budget process and invited them to the upcoming budget workshop on May 12, 2010, and c) reminded members that the city representative will only be bringing copies for those who do not have access to the internet, please review the crime mapping and code reports before the meeting, print it if you need it and come prepared with your questions

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: It was moved by K. McDonald and seconded by L. Gray that NPC2 continue to meet during the summer, motion carried. Members decided to table the discussion about rescheduling our August 10th meeting due to the city commission meeting being moved to the same day because of the August 3rd election.

13. Member & Public Comments

Public Comments: Candidates for Calhoun County Probate Judge, M. Jaconette and G. Strander, thanked NPC2 members for their time. J. Hennick gave additional comments on some of the business discussed tonight. Sgt. McClenney gave an observation that out of all NPC's, this one is well over the average hour meeting, may want to keep in mind, long meetings may discourage members from participating. Brief & clear comments on agenda items may help, the Chair agreed

Member Comments: K. Hillian & J. Dinkins gave input about issues in the neighborhoods that may become concerns to be addressed in the future for this NPC. K. McDonald asked for Comm. Gray's reasoning behind her "no" vote regarding the purchase of Handy's Store by the city and appreciated hearing her position. D. Young believes the city should have purchased Handy's Store. L. Gray announced & passed out flyers for a May 15 health & wellness workshop

14. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods Incorporated

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

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