

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ October 12, 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, Steve Lee, Keith McDonald, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Rosetta Sanders **Members Absent:** Jeffery Dinkins, Tricia Kidder, Nina LaGrand, Sheryl McDonald, Diane Payton, Ingrid Payton, Larry Rizer, and Cynthia Wyatt **Commissioner:** Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Susan Bedsole, Officer Chad Francisco and Sgt. Art McClenney **Guests:** Jim Hettinger-BCU, Bridgette Jones-BCU, Renee Lindsay, Julie Metea-BCU, Ann Rosenbaum-CC Treasurer and Selena Satchell

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: It was moved and supported that the minutes from September 14, 2010 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

5. Correspondence & Announcements: None

6. Battle Creek Public Schools: No report. **Action item -** L. Gray will make a request to BCPS to have someone present at NPC 2 meetings

7. Speaker: Jim Hettinger gave an update on the progress of the Downtown Transformation Initiative. Members gave some of the following inputs: encourage/stimulate more apprenticeship & journeyman opportunities for minorities and women; questions were raised to identify whether the plan has considered attention to family, many companies in the past had a family focus. Mr. Hettinger agreed but no deliberate efforts have been made; discussed M-66 Gateway; what is the status of the West End Redevelopment Project and how may it fit with this effort & future efforts

8. Committee Reports

Membership: Betty Settles – It was moved by B. Settles and supported by L. Gray to recommend to the city commission for reappointment to NPC 2 membership through 12-4-2014 the following members: Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Tricia Kidder, Keith McDonald, Rosetta Sanders and Dorothy Young. After discussion, B. Settles accepted a friendly amendment to motion to remove Tricia Kidder who has not been present per the bylaws. 6-yea, 1-abstention, motion carried. It was moved by L. Gray and supported by K. Hillian to remove the following members from membership in NPC 2 per Article IV, Section 4 of the NPC 2 bylaws: Tricia Kidder, Diane Payton, Ingrid Payton & Larry Rizer. L. Gray pointed out that both Ingrid Payton and Larry Rizer had let her know verbally and/or in writing that they would not be continuing on with NPC 2 but wished NPC 2 well. 6-yea, 1-abstention, motion carried. B. Settles suggested looking at reporting absence to membership chair when revising the bylaws. **Action item -** during the September meeting, D. Young agreed to draft and bring an invitation to membership press release for newspapers to the October meeting for feedback. She stated it has not been completed, she'll now get with B. Settles, the membership chair, to draft and present at the next meeting **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** Kitty Hillian – S. Bedsole reported 138 Oaklawn Ave. had received an order to vacate in April 2010, she will look into it further. This address is removed from our BBCA list until the investigation is concluded. Members were asked to consider all areas of NPC2 for BBCA awards as we bring forth nominees in the coming months, nominations have been mostly in the Washington Heights area **Ad Hoc Committee/Handy's Store:** Keith McDonald – no report, no need to have on the agenda since liquor license has been put in escrow, remove from agenda and reactivate if needed

9. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco reported the school crossing guards are hired and paid by BCPD. Ofcr. Bradley is currently the supervisor of the crossing guards. The location of guards was set up a number of years ago by both BCPD & school officials. If you're looking at requesting guard location changes, you would need to involve school officials and someone from the BCPD.

Action item - D. Young & Sgt. McClenney will revisit with Ofcr. Bradley & Ann J. principal, C. Youngblood and report out at the November meeting. B&E's/larcenies are way up, downtown area especially. Section 8 housing applications were accepted last week, received 812 the first day, 1,200 total. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission hearing took place in Kalamazoo for Handy's Party Store. They were found responsible for selling alcohol to intoxicated individuals. Therefore, they still cannot sell alcohol until the store is sold or relocated. **City Staff**

Representative: S. Bedsole & Ann Rosenbaum's NSP 2 update is postponed until the November meeting. The Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) membership was provided.

They will begin meeting soon, J. Dinkins is the NPC 2 representative on CDAC **Commissioner Comments:** Comm. Gray reported the following: 1) Conversations with Commissioner Gray is cancelled due to the medical marijuana workshop scheduled for the same time, Comm. Gray invited residents to attend the workshop instead, 2) A community forum will take place November 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Burnham Brook Community Center to provide an update on the Downtown Transformation Initiative, and 3) a workshop about future funding options for the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority will take place prior to the October 19th city commission meeting at 5:30 p.m.

10. Old Business: Membership Recruitment Plan – Tabled until November meeting

11. New Business: None

12. Member & Public Comments

Public Comments: R. Lindsey had questions for S. Bedsole regarding code compliance procedures and processes. Comm. Gray suggested a Town Hall on code compliance, S. Bedsole agreed to attend to answer questions and dialog with residents. R. Lindsey stated she had been a member of NPC 2 in the past, she'd consider returning only if NPC 2 is purpose driven and producing results **Member Comments:**

13. Next Meeting: The November 9th meeting will be rescheduled due to the City Commission meeting, reschedule date will most likely be Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhood, Inc.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

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