

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

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

2. Attendance

Members Present: Jeffery Dinkins, Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Steve Lee, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Nina LaGrand, Keith McDonald, Rosetta Sanders **Members Absent:** Jeannette Broadway, Ocella Cummings, James Gibby, Verna Hoopper, Adora Johnson, Lee Jones, Tricia Kidder, Sheryl McDonald, Diane Payton, Ingrid Payton, Larry Rizer, Debbie Wiggins and Cynthia Wyatt **Commissioners:** Mayor Susan Baldwin and Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco and Marcie Gillette, Neighborhood Services

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: It was moved by L. Gray and supported by J. Dinkins that the minutes from June 8, 2010 be approved with a correction of the BBCA award order be changed to move Ann J. Kellogg from first to third. Motion carried. The July & August 2010 Notes do not require approval, however the following corrections were noted: add Mrs. McDonald to members present and it was discussed to have a 6 month waiting period before a prospective member could be considered for membership in NPC 2. Mayor Baldwin asked to receive agenda and minutes via email.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None

5. Correspondence & Announcements: None

6. Battle Creek Public Schools: No report

7. Speaker: Scheduled representative from Enbridge not present

8. Committee Reports

Membership: Betty Settles – no report **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** Kitty Hillian – the following addresses will be submitted for a BBCA for NPC 2 at future commission meetings: 124 W. Manchester Street and 138 (or 136 Ofcr. Francisco will verify) Oaklawn Avenue **Ad Hoc Committee/Handy's Store:** Keith McDonald – no report

9. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco reviewed the Crime Mapping report: larceny still up, offered ways to secure and safeguard valuables; captured a fugitive from another state on Truth Dr. and drug raid took place at Parkway/Hancock Court. NPC 2 members complained about loud music from cars. He stated he'd follow up with police department to identify who is responsible for hiring, supervision and placement of school crossing guards **City Staff Representative:** M. Gillette reviewed the Code Report: NSP 1 demolitions and BBCA's are now noted on report and several weed violations noted. S. Lee had concerns about some code compliance complaints he had heard from residents of NPC 2. M. Gillette explained appeal information is sent with a code notification **Commissioner Comments:** Mayor Baldwin gave updates on business from the September 7 commission agenda including the horse plaza bid postponed and Joel Fulton property. Comm. Gray discussed the following: 1) new commissioner, David Walters sworn in at the September 7th meeting, 2) the moratorium on the establishment of new medical marijuana distribution centers is about to expire, commissioners have been getting updates, expect this on an

upcoming agenda, 3) there was an article on urban chickens in the BC Enquirer on September 5th, most members present wanted to keep chickens out of the city, 4) Mayor Baldwin had asked fellow commissioners if we were interested in reviving monthly workshops, Comm. Gray stated yes and early am preferred, it would be subject to the open meetings act as well, 5) if you missed the workshop for commissioners that updated us on the status of the downtown transformation project, you can attend the September 21 Project 20/20 meeting where an update will be provided, and 6) NPC 2 members asked Comm. Gray to resend the NPC 2 map with borders

10. Old Business: Membership Letter Follow-Up - It was moved by L. Gray and supported by B. Settles to remove the following members from membership in NPC 2 per Article IV, Section 4 of the NPC 2 bylaws: Jeannette Broadway, Ocella Cummings, James Gibby, Verna Hoopper, Adora Johnson, Lee Jones and Debbie Wiggins. Discussion: Lynn noted V. Hoopper had given a verbal request on June 3rd to resign from NPC 2 due to medical challenges and travel. L. Gray removed Cynthia Wyatt from this motion because B. Settles stated she had asked to be excused on two occasions. L. Gray, current recording secretary, stated the only time she had recorded an excused absence was when she had spoken with her by phone for the April 27th meeting, if she had requested it since then, no one had asked for minutes to be corrected to reflect the error. S. Gray restated everyone received the same letter asking them to contact the chair to state their interest in NPC 2 by a certain date, she nor many others had contacted him. The letter also reminded members to call the chair to request an excused absence if they will be missing a meeting. Vote: 6-Yea, 1-Abstain, motion carried **Strategic Planning Session Update** - Generally members liked J. Dinkins suggestion, simply, if it takes three consecutive absences to suggest removal of a member, it should take three consecutive meetings before a prospective member is eligible for nomination for membership in NPC 2. Members decided to focus on 1st - membership recruitment and 2nd - bylaws revisions. Meet on first priority, creating a recruitment plan, until complete no matter how many meetings that takes then begin on second priority. D. Young agreed to draft an appeal to submit to newspapers, she'll bring it to the next meeting **June Speaker Update** – Greg Rickmar, Traffic Engineering Manager and guest speaker at the June 8 meeting sent his responses to five questions via email to L. Gray who provided them to members. L. Gray asked that comments or questions regarding his responses be made directly to Mr. Rickmar or Ms. Gillette

11. New Business: NPC 2 members are interested in collaborating with other NPC's to host common themed town halls. Topics may include: code compliance, housing board of appeals procedures, etc.

12. Member & Public Comments

Public Comments: J. Hennick asked NPC 2 members to think about what we could do to keep non-members like him coming to NPC 2 meetings to participate. Most thought motivation and a personal interest in NPC 2 should be the motivating factors, nothing special **Member Comments:** Each member was given a chance to give closing comments or announcements

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhood, Inc.

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

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