

*Thursday, November 11, 2010
Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room
7-9:00 p.m.*

1. Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:01 p.m.

2. Attendance: All present signed in? Yes

Members: Cynde Foster, Gloria Russo, Phyllis Hopkins, Kirk Scott, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Tim Conologue, Trudy Hall, and Joel Fulton

Absent:

Excused: Ward 4 City Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton, Vice Mayor Chris Simmons

City Officials: Susan Bedsole, Police Sgt. Gilleylen

Guests: Janet Clemens, Nita Gale, Mary L Silkworth, Nicole L Davis, Linda K Goddard, HW Goddard

3. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: Approved Minutes from October 2010. Trudy Hall moved, Cynde Kirk Scott 2nd, motion carried.

5. Correspondence and Announcements:

6. Speakers: None.

7. City Staff Reports:

a. Golden Service Reports: Code Report: Susan Bedsole; 1. Weed Fairy is gone for the season, 2. Neighborhood resource center is closed as a result of budget cuts and is all now in the City Clerk's Office, 3. 1463 Rental Ordinance is being worked on, 4. Medical Marijuana input is being laid out and will be at the Planning Commission in November 2010 and will go through the City Commission in December 2010.

b. Police Department: Sgt. Gilleylen reported that car deer accidents are up and residents should be careful during the hunting season. Cars and houses being broken in to are also up.

Committee Reports:

a. Commissioner Reports: No Commissioners present.

b. Schools: No schools representatives present.

d. Membership (new additions/deletions): None

e. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: 217 Eldred

f. Businesses – None

8. Old Business to be finalized:

9. New Business: 1. Janet Clemens, representing the Spring Grove Hills Neighborhood Association, asked for support for a special use permit for the establishment of a private park near the intersection of East Bidwell and Randolph Streets. The Association is working cooperatively with Neighborhoods, Inc., has partnered with Battle Creek Community Foundation and the FOP Union and will include fountains, gardens, and picnic area. There will also be thirteen 40 watt lights matching the rest of the neighborhood lighting. A motion was made by Tim Conologue to support and Kirk Scott seconded. The motion failed with a 3 to 3 tie and 2 abstentions. 2. Trudy Hall and Kirk Scott once again volunteered to be the nominating committee and will bring a slate of candidates to the December 2011 meeting.

10. New Business for Future Meetings: Acceptance of nominated candidates in December.

11. Public /Guest Comments? None

12. Members Comments? Several members had comments regarding the private park issue discussed earlier in the meeting and many concerns were brought up, addressed, and resolved. One member asked if we could bring the issue up again for a second vote. With nothing preventing this action, Kirk Scott made a motion that our NPC send a letter of support to Planning Commission for the establishment of this private park with our concerns addressed, Tim Conologue Seconded, and the motion carried by a 5 to 2 vote with only one abstention.

13. Adjournment (Time 8:25 pm) BY: Susanne Moreno-Thurman, 2nd by Cynde Foster

14. Next Meeting: December 9, 2010, Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room, 99 East Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49015