

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

1. **Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:02 p.m.**

2. **Attendance: All present signed in? Yes**

**Members: Cynde Foster, Gloria Russo, Phyllis Hopkins, Kirk Scott, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Vice Mayor Chris Simmons, Trudy Hall, and Joel Fulton**

**Absent:**

**Excused: Ward 4 City Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton, Tim Conologue**

**City Officials: Susan Bedsole, Commissioner At-Large Diane Thompson**

**Guests: Jim Nelson**

3. **Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None.**

4. **Approval of the Previous Minutes: Approved Minutes from June and July with corrections. Phyllis Hopkins moved, Cynde Foster 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

5. **Correspondence and Announcements: Beautiful Battle Creek Awards needed some adjusting due to one individual declining; Phyllis Hopkins volunteered to take care of this. Gloria Russo volunteered to once again be our representative for NPC#3 to CDAC.**

6. **Speakers: None.**

7. **City Staff Reports:**

a. **Golden Service Reports: Code Report: Susan Bedsole; not a lot new to add this month.**

b. **Police Department: None present.**

**Committee Reports:**

a. **Commissioner Reports: Vice Mayor Simmons spoke about the appointment of Dave Walters to the vacated At-Large Commission Seat and the recent discussion and topic that has been circulating regarding a possible ordinance to allow for chickens inside the city limits.**

b. **Schools: Jim Nelson of Lakeview Schools reported that they have an interim Superintendant until July 1, 2011 and have once again been doing serious prioritization and financial planning in anticipation of continuing cuts in funding.**

d. **Membership (new additions/deletions):**

e. **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:**

f. **Businesses – There is a petition being circulated on the Capital Corridor in support of a change to the city's sign ordinance to allow for sandwich board sidewalk signs in this business district just as it is allowed in the C-4 Business District.**

8. **Old Business to be finalized:**

9. **New Business: Motion was made by Vice Mayor Chris Simmons to suspend normal Robert's Rules of order and seconded by Kirk Scott to allow former Chair Gloria Russo to chair the meeting while Chairman Joel Fulton presented a request for a letter of support for a zoning change for a piece of land-locked property connected to 548 Capital Avenue**

**SW to be changed from R-1A residential to C-3 Commercial by Fulton Goodwill Enterprises, LLC. Motion made by Cynde Foster to support this request and seconded by Kirk Scott. Motion carried unanimously with Vice Mayor Chris Simmons abstaining from the vote as it will come before the City Commission. Normal order of Robert's Rules were restored and Chairman Fulton again conducted the meeting.**

**10. New Business for Future Meetings: Exploring ideas for increasing membership.**

**11. Public /Guest Comments? None**

**12. Members Comments? Need for new membership by Phyllis Hopkins**

**13. Adjournment (Time 8:27 pm) BY: Joel Fulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirk Scott**

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