

**Neighborhood Planning Council – 4**  
**August 18, 2010**  
**Maple United Methodist**  
**342 Capital Ave., NE**

**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, Marcia Austin, Sandy Calderone, Mary Conklin, John Hennink, Suzanne Hennink, Dave Salerno, Sherry Sofia, Laurie Sullivan, John Walton

Guests: Marcus Trammell, Susan Bedsole, Mayor Susan Baldwin, Jim Baldwin

Chair Dave Nielsen called meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes: Upon Motion and Support from Laurie Sullivan and John Hennink the July 21, 2010 minutes were approved as corrected.

Police report: Officer Stuart Bell and Sergeant Perrin. The officers reported that nothing out of the ordinary was occurring in the area. The exception is the increased presence at Capital and McKinley due to an incident of a shot fired at a police car. If residents have any information is appreciated regarding this event or others please let the police department know.

Program: The Battle Creek Fire Chief is on vacation this week and was unable to attend this meeting. He will be invited to attend the September meeting.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed. Susan Bedsole explained that weeds are the largest area of code complaint. Susan also explained that there is a new category included with the code report. The new Category represents the NSP demo and rehab project. Susan also reminded the NPC that this report can be accessed anytime by visiting the Battle Creek website at [www.ci.battle-creek.mi.us/npc.npcreport.cfm](http://www.ci.battle-creek.mi.us/npc.npcreport.cfm)

City Commission Report: Lori Sullivan and Mayor Baldwin reported that at the previous commission meeting the commission approved the purchase of 2 new dump trucks and a street sweeper. The company Rosler got a waiver to the prevailing wage ordinance and Neighborhoods, Inc. received the requested \$125K. The commission also approved a street name change and adopted the accessory buildings ordinance. The new ordinance will help property owners in the city who own large parcels of land to place appropriately sized garages and pole barns on their properties. The commission will be hearing about the proposed changes Horse Park downtown. This will be a topic for discussion during the September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Beautiful Battle Creek: We are currently a month ahead with nominations for the NPC. The homes nominated and approved by acclimation are for October and November: Larry and Linda Stevens at 64 East Ave. and Charles Zamzow at 138 Garrison.

Neighborhood Association updates: Freedom Acre's Neighborhood Association will be hosting a block party at Quaker Park, "Passport to Healthy Living." on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Northside Master Plan: Dave distributed out to the group the list again. It was decided that the committee should begin the process of goal revision and will host an NPC forum at a future meeting, possibly in October or November.

**New Business:**

Community Development Advisory Council: The City is required to decide how the Federal Community Development Block Grant funds are to be distributed. A member from each NPC and various other city and local representatives are on this committee. Roselyn Goff had been the NPC 4 representative for a number of

years; however she is not able to serve again. Jana Davis has agreed to serve as the NPC 4 representative for 2010-2011.

Comments:

Marcus Trammel is working in the area for community building and outreach thru the Creating Change organization.

Mark Jones informed the NPC that he has applied for the vacant position on city commission. The commission will hold a process to fill the vacancy on Aug. 24 and 26th.

Agenda Suggestions:

Invite the Fire Chief to attend the September NPC meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.