

Neighborhood Planning Council – 4
October 20, 2010
Maple United Methodist
342 Capital Ave., NE

Minutes

Attendees:

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, Mary Conklin, Carole Ernsberger, *Kaytee Faris*, John Hennink, Dave Salerno, Sherry Sofia, John Walton

Guests: Susan Bedsole, Johnny Cash, Karl Dehn, Jim Haadsma, John Kennefic, Andy Penney.

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

Minutes: Upon Motion and Support from Sherry Sofia and Dave Salerno the September 19, 2010 minutes were approved.

Police report: Dave Nielsen distributed the police report as there were no officers present.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed. Susan Bedsole stated the largest code violation was still weeds. The city will be hosting a workshop to discuss ordinance 1463 (the rental ordinance) on October 26th. 1463 sunsets in January 2011 and is up for renewal, please make your comments known to the city regarding the renewal and revision of this ordinance.

Program: Dave introduced Karl Dehn from Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) for a presentation on the downtown renovation plan. A public forum will be held on November 10th at Burnham Brook. To view the presentations go to the Battle Creek Unlimited website.

City Commission Report: *Laurie Sullivan* was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will not be attending the October meeting.

Beautiful Battle Creek: No nominations this month. The NPC is now finished with all previous nominations so please look around for neighbors and friends to nominate.

Neighborhood Association updates: No new updates this month.

Old Business:

Northside Master Plan: The committee has met and started narrowing down scope and will be planning to bring the Northside Master Plan to the NPC at the November meeting.

New Business:

Annual NPC 4 Officer elections are scheduled for November. Sherry Sofia is chairing the nomination committee. Nominations at this meeting yielded nominations for officers as follows:

Chair: Dave Nielsen

Vice Chair: Mark Jones

Secretary: Jana Davis

Additional nominations are being accepted including self nominations. Please contact Sherry for details

Street Lights: The City is charged by Consumers Energy a fee for the street lights. After an assessment, it was found that there was a discrepancy between the bills and over 700 lights were not functioning. Contact Consumers Energy and cc the city and the NPC if you notice a light out in your area.

Creating Change: Creating Change is now working in the NPC and Marcus Trammel is the representative. The membership agreed to ask Creating Change to provide a representative at the NPC meetings to help with information sharing.

Comments:

Kaytee Faris thanked the NPC for based on her attendance at a previous NPC meeting; she was able to get a streetlight fixed on her street.

Agenda Suggestions:

1. Northside Master Plan visioning and discussion. –November
2. Holiday neighborhood meet and greet at Kimball House Museum – December
- 3.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

(Minutes corrected per approval motion from 11/17/2010 meeting. Corrections in italics above)