

**Neighborhood Planning Council – 4**  
**June 16, 2010**  
**Maple United Methodist**  
**342 Capital Ave., NE**

**Minutes**

Attendees:

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, Sandy Calderone, Mary Conklin, Dave Salerno, Laurie Sullivan, John Walton

Guests: Ann Rosenbaum, Susan Bedsole, Jim Haadsma

Chair Dave Nielsen called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes from March and April, 2010 meetings were accepted by acclimation. Upon Motion and Support from Sandy Calderone and John Walton the May, 2010 minutes approved.

Police report: Officer Stuart Bell and Sergeant Perrin. Prostitution is still a problem; however cell phones are being used more often to set up “dates”, which is contributing to the slightly decreased visibility of the walking. Residents asked about the neighborhood park area on Wabash where it appears a drug dealer has set up shop making it impossible for the park to be used by children.

Program: Ann Rosenbaum discussed the County’s process with the Property tax foreclosure process. The County land bank is working closely with the City of Battle Creek to help with the acquiring of property and to determine demolition vs. rehabilitation in accordance with the provisions of the Neighborhood Revitalization grant. Ann will return to the NPC for another discussion when the County and City prepare for the second installment of the Neighborhood Revitalization money.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed. Eric Campbell will not be the city representative to the NPC as he transitions into a new role. The NPC wishes Eric great success. Susan Bledsole attended the NPC meeting and announced that there have been many changes with the arrival of the dismantling of Neighborhood Services office. Rebecca Velez-Suarez has taken another position and will no longer support the NPCs. Susan will know in a couple weeks who will be the new support for the NPCs.

City Commission Report: Tuesday’s meeting saw the approval of a special contract for the demolition project. The budget is completed. Police are working on prostitution and there will be a focus on “Johns” too. Surveillance cameras are back on the agenda. If they are approved they will be place in the highest demand areas. Since this has been a debated topic at the NPC Laurie was asked if there will be any public information and comment sessions? At this point she didn’t know of any scheduled. Also, the commission approved a special use permit for Summit Pointe to create a new group home on 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Beautiful Battle Creek: 44 East Ave. for submission next month. The lost list of submissions has been located. The list is all addresses on N. Union and the NPC will submit from this list periodically or when there are no other nominations.

Neighborhood Association updates: Jana Davis noted that the Fremont community garden is well underway and the workdays are still Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Old Business:

Northside Master Plan: Mark Jones will be leading. Dave Nielsen distributed the old notes and asked members to begin thinking and bring suggestions to the next meeting and the committee will decide next course of actions.

New Business:

No new business.

Comments: None

Agenda Suggestions:

July meeting – The NPC requested that Chief of Police Jackie Hampton come to the NPC to provide an update on the happenings in the Police Department and the issue of Surveillance cameras.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.