

Neighborhood Planning Council – 4
November 17, 2010
Maple United Methodist
342 Capital Ave., NE

Minutes

Attendees:

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, Jeremy Andrews, Marcia Austin, Kathleen Faris, John Hennink, Dave Salerno, Sherry Sofia, Laurie Sullivan, John Walton, George Willson

Guests: Susan Bedsole, Jim Baldwin, Susan Baldwin, Johnny Cash, Bill Phillips, Jim Haadsma, Marcus Trammell, Shirley Knapp, Heidi Fields

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

Minutes: Upon Motion and Support from Mark Jones and Sherry Sofia the October 20, 2010 minutes were approved with corrections.

Police report: The police report was distributed.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed.

City Commission Report: Laurie Sullivan noted to make sure that we get our thoughts about ordinance 1463 heard. The commission is still working on the medical Marijuana issue.

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: Marcus Trammell from Creating Change reports that they are working with the Calhoun Street business district and Freedom Acres Neighborhood association. 104 Calhoun St. (former Jack Pearls bldg) is now being used as a community house.

Old Business:

Northside Master Plan: The committee will be presenting work at the January 2011 NPC meeting.

New Business:

Special Zoning Permit Requests:

24 College St.: Shirley Knapp presented a request for a special use permit for 24 College St. to change the zoning to allow for the opening of an adult foster care home housing between 7-10 adults. Target population will be elderly needing additional care and support who are also on Medicare.

Upon motion and support by George Wilson and Sherry Sofia, the NPC with a vote of 8 to 2 approved the motion that the NPC decline the petition for a Special Use Permit for 24 College St. to be used to create a foster-care home.

34 Latta St.: Dave Nielson turned the meeting over to Mark Jones for the discussion and vote as Dave is a direct neighbor to the requestor.

Heidi Fields presented a request for a special use permit for 34 Latta St. to allow her to continue to run a daycare center from the home. She has a state license for up to 12 children.

Upon Motion and support by Dave Nielsen and Sherry Sofia, the NPC decided to postpone decision until after direct neighbors have had opportunity to comment. The issue will be addressed again at the December meeting.

Elections: Dave turned the meeting over to Sherry Sofia for the annual NPC 4 Officer elections. Upon motion and support by George Wilson and John Hennick, the Slate of officers as presented was approved.

Chair: Dave Nielsen

Vice Chair: Mark Jones

Secretary: Jana Davis

Membership: Upon Motion made and supported by Laurie Sullivan and John Walden the membership for Kathleen Faris, 25 Fremont St. was approved.

December NPC Meeting: Upon Motion made and supported by Mark Jones and Jana Davis, the NPC will hold the December at Kimball House Museum.

Comments:

Agenda Suggestions:

1. January meeting will feature the Northside Master Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.