

Neighborhood Planning Council – 4
September 15, 2010
Maple United Methodist
342 Capital Ave., NE

Minutes

Attendees:

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, James Berry, Mary Conklin, John Hennink, Dave Salerno, Sherry Sofia, E. Helen VanValkenburg, John Walton

Guests: Susan Bedsole, Ofc. V. Kersten, Ofc. T. Wilt, Sgt. Anthony Perin.

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

Minutes: Upon Motion and Support from Mark Jones and John Hennink the August 18, 2010 minutes were approved.

Police report: Sergeant Anthony Perrin introduced officers Kersten and Wilt. They just joined the force and as part of their orientation they will be attending NPC meetings. A number of new officers are joining now filling a number of vacancies left by retirements and regular attritions. Officer Bell has transferred to the Urbandale area.

There have been a number of B&E and Larcenies in the area. A number of these perpetrators are trying to access through second floor windows. Police are asking to keep an eye on ladders.

Program: The Battle Creek Fire Chief Larry Housman was not able to make this meeting due to a department emergency. He will be invited back for another meeting this fall.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed. Susan Bedsole announced that approximately 60% of the properties identified for demolition with the first NSP funds have been taken down.

Susan also announced that the code department will be starting the process of city-wide Property Surveys again. These surveys look for exterior violations only and will cover the entire city. Also, Eric Campbell, code inspector for the north side is out on temporary medical leave.

City Commission Report: Lori Sullivan was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will not be attending the October meeting. A new commissioner, David Walters, was elected filling the vacancy left by Ryan Hersha.

Beautiful Battle Creek: No nominations this month.

Neighborhood Association updates: Freedom Acre's Neighborhood Association's "Passport to Healthy Living." event at Quaker Park was cancelled due to rain. The group is looking to reschedule for the spring of 2011.

John Hennink announced that he will be taking over the presidency of the Merritt Commons Neighborhood Association again.

Old Business:

Northside Master Plan: The committee will meet in the next couple weeks and prepare for a visioning process with the NPC at a future meeting.

New Business:

No new business this month.

Comments:

Sgt. Pepper's Pizza is a new business that opened at the corner of North Ave. and Calhoun St. Please come and check them out, enjoy a pizza and support a local business in the NPC.

As part of Project 20/20 community involvement on Sept. 22nd at 7:30am at Burnham Brook a presentation will be presented on the downtown transformation.

Agenda Suggestions:

1. Invite the Fire Chief to attend the October NPC meeting.
2. Northside Master Plan visioning and discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.