

Westlake/Prairieview
Neighborhood Planning Council #10
June 28, 2010 Regular Meeting
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order & Welcome.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jeff Koteles, Chair.
Invocation by Cecil Salinas.

2. Attendance:

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Koteles, Secretary Kathy Barker, Karol Henegar, Mary Lou Ramon, Cecil Salinas, Diana Cole, Steve Barker, Mary Lyn Smith, Rita Grandgenett, Dave Weaver, Mike Troutman and Dwight Grandgenett.
(12 members present)

Excused: Vice Chairman Joe Ratti, Opel Bell, Linda Patenaude, Joanne Novelli, Cal Canfield, Joyce Garrett, Neils Magnusson, Teri Mitchel, Melinda Adams, Gary Dodd, Gary Blagg, Jim Walbeck, Nancy Slocum, Pete Francisco, Tom Cramutolo, Julie Davis, David Wood, and Len Spano. (18 members excused)

Guests Present: At-Large Commissioner Bill Morris, Ward 5 Commissioner Andy Yankama, Steve Jenkins, Chris Hilton Planning Supervisor, and Terry Smith (5 guests)

Non-members Present: BCPD Sgt. Gilleyen, and Marcie Gillette Manager of Neighborhood Services (2 City Staff members present)

Grand Total Present: 37

3. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Corrections: 1)next meeting date is July 26, 2010; refer #5, school drop off should read Westlake in lieu of Prairieview Elementary.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mike Troutman moved that the minutes, of May 24, 2010, be approved with cited changes with support by Steve Barker. The vote was unanimously approved.

5. Police Report: Sgt. Gilleyen is replacing a previous officer as presenter at our council. Sgt Gilleyen stated that crimes in the southside of Battle Creek are mostly fraud and car cases. We all were reminded to lock our cars when parking them.

6. Correspondence, Announcements & Public Service Announcements from Commissioners:

- a. Chair, Jeff Koteles, circulated some notices of events which he had been sent.
- b. Commissioner Bill Morris shared some of the tough choices commissioners had been making about NIBC, Willard Beach funding, and budget constraints. He further stated that he wants local help hired first putting local citizens first. The commissioner then briefly shared BID

current information including their efforts gathering goods for our soldiers on 5/19/10 at the BC Plaza. Marketing efforts continue for Columbia Ave.

c. Commissioner Andy Yankama is against NIBC funding. He is constantly traveling around the neighborhood ward staying aware of local needs.

7. **Committee Reports**

Membership: Mary Lou Ramon stated we are 30 members strong.

Beautiful BC Award: Mary Lou Ramon stated that the June minutes listed four homes.

CDAC, Linda Patenaude was not present so there was no report.

Planning Commission, Steve Barker. They met on Wednesday where there were two orders of business. One was redrafting of the Accessory Building statute and signage issues along Beckley Road.

8. **City Staff Report** by Marcie Gillette. The Neighborhood Services Resource Center has been copying the minutes of neighborhood councils. This is no longer a public space. Rebecca Suarez had been the support for the councils but has been transferred and these services are no longer available. Marcie said that there will be a waiting period until decisions are made. at which time we will be advised.

There is a weed violation on S. 22nd St. which has been recently revisited. There are repeat garage sales issues. The ordinance reads that there may be three consecutive days, only. The Gethings St. construction hole is being followed up. Lastly, questions arose as to when the building at 29th and Columbia will no longer be vacant.

9. **Old Business**

- a) **Woodland Park Report:** Joyce Garrett was not present but asked Steve Barker to convey the following contact information for the park:

Website: www.woodlandparkbc.com

Facebook page: Friends of Woodland Park Battle Creek.

E-mail address: woodlandpark@comcast.net

Phone: Joyce Garrett, Chair, WPNFP Committee

jmg321@comcast.net, (269) 969-8945

- b) BID report. This was requested of Commissioner Bill Morriss after it was noted that this report was no longer on the agenda. Mary Lou Ramon and Jeff Koteles removed this since Bill resigned from full membership, now being an associate member. Bill did report that donations to veterans, at the Columbia Plaza in May, went well. BID was responsible for getting push buttons at stop lights along Columbia. Lastly, the Family Fare store is expected to be opened in September, 2010.

10. **New business - none**

11. **Special Presentation.** Chris Hilton, Battle Creek's Planning Supervisor discussed the Master Plan process. There are site plans, areas showing enforcement, location of historic building, approval for residential changes, rezoning requests, special use permits. Most plans for the city are for showing ordinances, and community buy-in. Consensus

information is due out April 2011. Now there is the need for consultants to finish the process. Questions about the new Accessory Building statute were addressed.

10. Comments for the Good of the Order:

NOTE: During this member comment period it has historically been the time for a member to make comment without discussion. This was not the case this evening.

Diana Cole: She asked that the BID report be returned to the agenda. Mary Lou Ramon began talking about it's removal being a time saver. After comments from both Mary Lou and Jeff Koteles, the membership asked that it be added.

Dwight Grandgenett: He asked if all attendees could sit at the table during our meeting. Mary Lou Ramon began stating that everyone has always been welcome to the table.

Kathy Barker: After speaking with Marcie Gillette the morning of the meeting, it was discovered that mailing to local members and to the extended list costs Neighborhoods \$36 monthly. She asked that we consider e-mailing packets to those members having computers and in concert with this process, we review the extended list and contact people asking if we could e-mail. Mary Lou Ramon began stating why we could not do this. During the back-and-forth conversations, it was learned, from Mary Lou Ramon, that she has been e-mailing packets to the extended mailing list folks for some time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held July 26, 2010.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Barker, Secretary NPC #10

Contact Information for Members

Members are encouraged to call the following City Departments directly with any concerns outside of the meeting:

Planning and Community Development	966-3320
Code Compliance / Bldg Permit issues	966-3387
City Clerk (Inspection Div., Permits, etc.)	966-3348
Neighborhood Services	966-3379
Police Deputy Chief Jim Saylor	966-3375

NPC#10 Officials

Chairman, Jeff Koteles	963-7096
Vice Chair, Joe Ratti	969-0636
Secretary, Kathy Barker	964-9525

Member absences can be excused by contacting one of the following:

Email	SBKBarker@comcast.net
Phone	Any NPC Official noted above or Membership Mary Lou Ramon 963-5101