

MINUTES

Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) #11

Riverside Elementary School Library

650 Riverside Drive Battle Creek, MI 49015

Wednesday May 26, 2010

1. **7:00 PM – Welcome and opening** – Randall opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
2. **Attendance sheet:** Randall Champlin, Dave Hawks, Dawn Hawks, George Vallillee, Bev Vallillee, Jim Baldwin, Wendy Rominger, Frank Eglund, Marge Barda, Susan Bledsoe, John Godfrey, Monte Kizzier, Jim Haadsma, Todd Cline, Steven Mobley
3. **Additions or deletions to this agenda** – Agenda remained as printed.
4. **Approval of the April minutes** - The April minutes were moved/seconded, G. Vallillee, /Eglund and approved by the members.
5. **Correspondence sent/received:** Randall reviewed the following:
 - Invitation to participate in a tour of Battle Creek Central Construction Progress on May 17, 4-5 PM and on June 3, 4-5 PM
 - Zoning Board of Appeals May 11 meeting canceled. Next meeting June 8, 2010.
 - Historic District Commission Cancellation of May 10 meeting. Next meeting Monday, June 14, 2010.
 - Battle Creek Area Transportation Study April issue. 2011-2014 transportation projects.
 - Westlake/Prairieview NPC May 24 Agenda
 - Planning Commission Meeting Notice for Wednesday, May 26, 4:00 PM City commission Chambers. Special Use Permit petition for Adult Foster Care at 168 N. 20 St., Accessory Building Ordinance Review, Review of City of BC Master Plan.
6. **City staff reports**
 - Police Department Report – No representative at the meeting.
 - City representative – Susan Bledsoe reviewed the code reports. She reviewed the process for weed complaints. There are not many new building projects. A new computer system is being adopted by the City. Billing is being updated and there will be payments accepted by credit card, hopefully, within the next year or sooner. The water/sewer bill has been updated.
 - City/County Commissioners' reports – Jim Haadsma reported the county board acted on a \$7.4 grant for a contract to Honeywell for energy savings components to the five county buildings. The revenue sharing board disbursements are cost-connected and if the various parties are able to prove that there is direct connectedness between increased costs and the casino, those costs will be reimbursed. The road commission received some monies, as well as the county. Harper Creek Community Schools is seeking reimbursement for a lawyer's fees who attended the meetings as counsel.
7. **Committee reports**
 - Beautiful Battle Creek Award – Ann Wyson; winner for Beautiful Battle Creek in May is Dorothy Smith, 638 East Minges
 - Membership – Wendy Rominger; no new members
 - CDAC Update – Wendy Rominger – Wendy provided a detail report.
 - Neighborhoods and Land Use – Frank Eglund – No news for our area; but there is a request for Adult Care Facility on 20th Street from Summit Pointe. This is a senior foster home with a special certificate from the state for mentally ill people needing 24 hour monitoring. This request was approved. John Godfrey reported that discussion of the Master Plan for the city has begun, with further discussion to continue next year once the 2010 census figures are reported.
 - Schools – Vacant Chairperson – No report
 - NPC 11 Programs – James Haadsma – New season to come!

8. Old business from previous meetings:

- Election of NPC Officers for 2010/2011 – Candidates:
 - Chairperson: Randall Champlin
 - Vice-Chairperson: Jim Haadsma
 - Secretary: Marge Barda
 - Program Chairperson: Jim Haadsma

It was moved/seconded by Godfrey/D. Hawks to approve the above slate of officers.
Motion was approved and slate accepted for 2010-11 year.

9. New business

- **This month's program** - Topic: Doug Deaton talked about high-speed rail in Michigan; Doug has worked for Amtrak for some time and is a Battle Creek resident. He shared politics, railroad history, and current progress in high-speed rail.

10. Public comments: George Strander and Steve Mobley shared their qualifications for Calhoun County Probate Judge and 62nd House seat ,respectively.

11. Members' comments

12. Next meeting: Wednesday, September 29, 2010, 7:00PM, Riverside Elementary Library

- Program Topic: TBD

13. 8:23 PM – Adjournment