

POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, Apr 7, 2011

CAA Board Room

175 Main St.

7:00 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the CAA Board Room.

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: John Cash, Cynthia Fritz, Katie Hubbard, James Moreno, Eloise Fogg, Yvonne Powell, Gilbert Ortiz, and Simone Watkins.

Members Excused: John Kenefick, Linda Carmona, and Pat Shellenberger.

Guests and Visitors: Commissioners Elizabeth Fulton, Lynn Ward Gray and Susan Baldwin, Dennis McKinley Neighborhood Services (BC City), Tanya Wilt - BCPD, Jim Baldwin, and Sandy Huntington.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion made by Eloise F. and seconded by Simone W. a vote to approve March's minutes was accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Calhoun County will be collecting Household Hazardous Waste; Sat. May and Sep 17 at the Toeller - details also on your water bill.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

Police Department: Ofc. Wilt of BCPD will be regularly attending our meetings. She reported that B&E's and larcenies are still occurring.

Illegal parking was reported on the corner of Cliff and Elm St.

It was also reported that parents at Franklin School are driving to fast on Newark and Taft Sts.

City Staff Representation:

Dennis McKinley distributed the Code Report and flyer on Homes for Sale (contact City Hall for details). He announced Property Surveys have taken placed.

Updates: 118 Highway - is 2nd on the list for demo - when funds are available - it was reported that junk from the neighbors is being collected in the driveway and is very unsightly.

80 High St. - Demo Completed.

Issues: 118 Highway - neighbors collecting junk on property.

Planning: Nothing to report

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: None - please canvass the neighborhood - if you see any properties that deserve recognition, please contact the chair with the property address.

Membership: Nothing to report. We are still looking for worthy members.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Comm. Baldwin reported that the revised Amendment 1463 Rental Ordinance will be presented and voted on at the next Comm. Mtg. Concern was stated that a 6 yr. permit was too long and that 4 yr. made better sense. Initial Budget possibilities w/City Mgr is coming up. NPC #10 resolution is back on the agenda. This evoked quite a discussion within our Planning Council. Apr 11 - NPC #2 Mtg. will be on Strategic Planning. Comm. Gray stated that the contract to do StreetScape downtown was starting. Comm. Fulton is looking forward to the Budget Workshop.

Battle Creek Public Schools:

Deb Norman was not able to attend but sent a written report. School Board Mtg. Apr. 18th at the NW Middle School Agenda is to recommend to close WK Kellogg MS. Also, the beginning discussion of Phase II (this is where Franklin School updates would be but are not on the agenda). During 10/11 school yr. 13 students have enrolled that are at the Inasmuch Shelter. Also, Franklin is having difficulty in hiring and keeping good noon hour supervisors. Work is 11:10 am - 12:50 pm (1.66 hrs per day) Pay is \$7.62 per hour. Apply @ Applitrak.com and contact Mrs. Norman at Franklin. To be hired you be fingerprinted at your cost (\$74) and drug tested at the district's expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have decided to work from the old 2006 Dashboard Survey and re-visit the areas of South Ave and High in the Franklin area. In the Post area we will re-visit Main St from Post/Illinois/East Kingman. This will be conducted using the dashboard method that was used in 2006. The chair will map it out and have a checklist and sign-up for members at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Tentatively, a Post Rep. will be at the May Council Mtg.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

Public COMMENTS: NIBC announced that their community houses will be distributing free veggies - starting this Apr. 8 and will continue during the summer.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting is May 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary