

# POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, Feb 3, 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:** Linda Carmona, John Cash, Cynthia Fritz, Yvonne Powell, James Moreno, and Simone Watkins

**Members Excused:** Katie Hubbard, Eloise Fogg, Pat Shellenberger, John Kenefick

**Guests and Visitors:** Commissioner Fulton, BCPS Deb Norman, Gilbert Ortiz and Dennis McKinley Neighborhood Services (BC City).

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Correction to Dec. Minutes - a motion was made and accepted to add Yvonne Powell as member to the Planning Council. A motion made by John C. and seconded by Linda C and a vote to accept January's minutes was accepted.

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 2 houses (1 on Walnut and 1 on Marjorie) have been Rehab and are available for sale. The buyer could also qualify for a special debt forgiveness program if they meet the income guidelines. They are being offered by ReMax. Call Al G. in the Community Development office at Commerce Point.

## • COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

**Police Department:** There was no representation from the Police Department this month. Request they be present at the March meeting and bring crime statistics for February and March.

## **City Staff Representation:**

Dennis McKinley distributed the Code Report.

Updates: 21 E. Kingman - is in transition the occupants are in the process of purchasing the house via land contract.  
80 High St. - process of demolition.

Issues: 27 Cliff St. - parking of vehicles in an empty lot owned by Neighborhoods Inc.  
26 Post - burnt out and it is open in the back, needs to be secured.

A blinking light will be added to the corner of South Ave and Burnham; this is to address the issue with individuals running into Katie Hubbard's house.

**Planning:** Nothing to report

**Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** The following property is being submitted: 397 Main St.

**Membership:** Gilbert Ortiz asked to be a member of the council. A motion to accept Gilbert as a member of the Council was made and seconded and motion passed. Information was given directly to Neighborhood Services for processing.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Comm. Fulton stated that the City Council was still working on Amendment 1463 Rental Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Ordinance. She also asked questions on the Snow Removal after the blizzard and the announcement to have all cars park off the streets so that city crews could plow. Everyone thought that the process was good as our streets were attended shortly after the blizzard.

## **Battle Creek Public Schools:**

Deb Norman reported that the Middle Schools Question Forum will be Feb 8 (W.K.) and Feb 9 (North Western). The Middle Schools are to go to Team Teaching. Social Workers are back on board at the Middle Schools and Elementary. BC public schools are to be augmented by School Nurses; all of this is part of the holistic approach to improving education and healthy neighborhoods. Mon., Feb 7, BC High School will host a meeting at the Commons about the future on the 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> there will be an Open House at the High School.

Franklin School sidewalks are cleared. On May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m. Franklin will be hosting a Fun Fest - Highlights are Games, Prizes, Food, Carnival Treats and more. It is free except a nominal charge is if you want extra items. More to come.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jim presented the 2006 Dashboard Survey that was presented to the City Commission. We will discuss in our March Mtg. what we want to tackle in this coming year.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** Good to review the 2006 Dashboard Survey.

**Public COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting is March 3th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary