

# POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, Mar 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:** John Cash, Cynthia Fritz, Katie Hubbard, James Moreno, John Kenefick, Gilbert Ortiz, and Simone Watkins.

**Members Excused:** Yvonne Powell, Linda Carmona, Eloise Fogg, Pat Shellenberger.

**Guests and Visitors:** Commissioners Fulton and Sullivan, BCPS Deb Norman, Dennis McKinley Neighborhood Services (BC City) and Barrett Newkirk, Enquirer.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion made by Cindy F. and seconded by John K. a vote to approve February's minutes was accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** BCATS was distributed to all. A round table discussion on the Rental Ordinance will be Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> in Rm. 1-1-7 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

**Police Department:** No representation from the Police Department this month.

### **City Staff Representation:**

Dennis McKinley distributed the Code Report. He announced Property Surveys to begin the week of Mar 8<sup>th</sup>.

Updates: 21 E. Kingman - is a Rental and a Rental Inspection has been completed. Current occupants have no interest in buying.  
26 Post - Burn Out - current owner in FL says he going to let the property revert back to the county - awaiting to hear back.  
27 Cliff St. - went to zoning because it is a vacant lot.

Issues: 118 Highway - is it on the demo list?  
House at the corner of High/Oak Sts. - busted out windows  
Victory Lane - busted out windows and garage is open - unsecured.

**Planning:** Nothing to report

**Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** Following property being submitted: 59 Bennett

**Membership:** Congratulations was given to Gilbert Ortiz as the Commission approved his membership to the NPC#1.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Comm. Sullivan stated that the City Council was still working on Amendment 1463 Rental Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Ordinance. The commission is discussing the policy on Local Preference for contractors doing business with the city. Discussion was had by all on the future of Water and Sewer rates increase. Most felt it was ok, but only if the increase was actually used to address infrastructure. This has been an ongoing issue for over 10 years and the issue does not appear to have been addressed. Why?

**Battle Creek Public Schools:**

Deb Norman reported that the Open House - Ribbon Cutting was highly attended at the High School.

She reported exciting times at Franklin School. Franklin will be getting a full-time School Interventionist - this resulted because they have 97% of students receiving free lunch. The Post Foundation has announced that they are targeting Franklin School - with new playground equipment and foundation members have been mentoring students at lunch time. MI State Police - B.C. Post is also assisting thru Community Policing program. BCCF is assisting with Health programming. The Franklin School Fun Fest continues it's planning - program will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

2006 Dashboard Survey was discussed and we have decided that our next plan of action is to review and select a component and work on it as a council.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council will review and decide which component to tackle. Also the chair will contact the Post Foundation to present at a future meeting.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**Public COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary