

# POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, May 5, 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, Katie Hubbard, James Moreno, Yvonne Powell, Gilbert Ortiz, Pat Shellenberger, and Simone Watkins.

**Members Excused:** John Kenefick and Eliose Fogg.

**Guests and Visitors:** Commissioners Elizabeth Fulton and Laurie Sullivan, Tanya Wilt - BCPD, Deb Norman - Franklin School, Jim Sherman - South Hill Academy, Sherry Sofia and Cathie Wagner.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion made by Yvonne P. and seconded by John C. a vote to approve April's minutes was accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** In this months water bill a there was information on the Breakfast Table and requesting volunteers.

## COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

**Police Department:** Ofc. Wilt of BCPD reported that they are targeting front yard parking. The following actions where given to the Officer.

- 415 Main - on/off front yard parking
- 38 E. Kingman - Black Grand Am - Front yard parking
- 92/102 High St - loud vehicles
- 118/120 Highway - parking on sidewalk

**City Staff Representation:** Not present

Dennis McKinley was unable to attend meeting. James passed out code report.

The following incidents will be reported to code.

- 55 Post - Living Rm. Furniture on front porch
- 80 High - when are they going to finish demolition clean-up work?
- Vacant Lot by Franklin School-stray animals using lot as a dumping ground.

A question was brought up as to what happened on May 1 - Franklin School was in a lockdown status and there were an abundance of police in the neighborhood.

If you see neighbors bagging leaves in plastic be pro-active and remind them that it is not accepted by Waste Management and need to be place in a paper bag or a yard waste container.

**Planning:** Nothing to report

**Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** 194 South Ave

Also - please canvass your 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 individual's interested in becoming members.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Comm. Sullivan reported that Water Rates will be going up. Also the Comm. Approved funds for Lucas II for the Fire Dept. Phone bills will increase as they fee for 911 will be increased. May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Budget Workshop at the DPW Building at 6:00 pm. Comm. is looking forward to the new Rental Ordinance coming into effect.

**Battle Creek Public Schools:**

Deb Norman reported that all students of Franklin School have toured the Updated High School. Flag pole project will be completed soon. Renaming of the school to Post/Franklin is still on hold. Post Foundation is still reviewing the Playground upgrade. If the playground is to be extended into vacant lot it would need to be enclosed with a fence. BCPS is looking at a limited upgrade to Franklin that would include renovating the Gym and the 4 classrooms at their next Board Mtg. This would be a 4 Mil Dollar upgrade. BCCF is holding a mobile clinic every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at Franklin. Health Dept. is to give immunization shots. YMCA to assist in structured recess 3 days a week. Walking club is Tue/Thu. June 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school. There will be a summer lunch program at Franklin.

Jim Sherman of South Hill Academy reported that the Alternative High School will be moving to the Miller Stone Building at the start of the next year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Council agreed to use the 2006 Dashboard Survey format in order to generate an update. A sign up sheet was presented for those in attendance to indicate which street(s) they would like to review. The same sign-up sheet along with survey criteria will go out in the minutes; further discussion to be held at June meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Susan Bedsole, City Clerk, will be attending our June meeting. We have confirmation that the General Manager from Post will attend our September Council Mtg.

**MEMBER COMMENTS:** None

**Public COMMENTS:** Yvonne of NIBC announced startup of Fresh Fruit/Veggies Fridays. Fresh in season produce will be distributed at their community houses starting Apr. 8 and will continue during the summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting is Jun 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary