

POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, Oct 6, 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, John Kenefick, Gilbert Ortiz, Yvonne Powell, Simone Watkins and James Moreno.

Members Excused: Eliose Fogg, Pat Shellenberger and Katie Hubbard.

Guests and Visitors: Commissioner Lynn Ward Gray, Deb Norman - Franklin School, David Censke, Diana Quigg, Dennis McKinley - B.C. Neighborhood Services, Sherry Sofia and Andy Helmboldt - Candidates for City Comm.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May minutes were approved with a motion made by Linda and seconded by John C. Correction to September minutes to guest Diana Quigby to Diana Quigg. Motion to accept minutes with correction by John C and seconded by Gilbert, motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Calhoun County Appliance and Tire drop is Oct 5-7 at the County Garage in Marshall.

Waste Management Pick-Up dates for the Calendar Year 2012 year are as follows:

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2012

Monday-Friday collection on schedule

Memorial Day - Monday, May 28, 2012

Monday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Tuesday-Saturday

Independence Day - Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Monday - Tuesday - Collection on schedule

Wednesday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Thursday - Saturday

Labor Day - Monday, September 3, 2012

Monday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Tuesday - Saturday

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 22, 2012

Monday - Wednesday collection on schedule

Thursday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Friday - Saturday

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Monday - Collection on schedule

Tuesday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Wednesday - Saturday

CALENDAR YEAR 2013 - New Year's Day - Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Monday - Collection on schedule

Tuesday - No collection scheduled

Collection one day behind Wednesday - Saturday

Candidate City Forum for Commission elections is Monday, Oct 10, 6:00 p.m. at the 1st Congregation Church. Another forum will be held Oct. 25th at 6:30 p.m. on Accessvision.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

Police Department: No representation. An Incident Report was distributed by Dennis. The following was reported and Dennis will pass on the Police Dept.:

1st Block of Kingman: A pit bull on the loose.

Light at Willow and Oakhill is out, as well as a light on Highway between Post and East Kingman. It was noted that the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Creating Change was to have Consumers Power at their next meeting and issues like this could be addressed.

Also, there was discussion about the increased foot traffic within the Post/Franklin area by the planning council. It was noted that the police are being pro-active and addressing this issue.

City Staff Representation: Dennis distributed the two Code Reports for the time period of 05/05/2011 - 08/31-2011 and 09/01-2011 - 10/05/2011. He also reported that 105 Lathrop (damage from May 2011 storm) was out for bid to demo.

The following was reported:

24 East Kingman - garbage at curb.

74 High St. - trees on fence from vacant lot - who removes them?

White vacant house on Main St. and Newark - potential dangerous building across from Franklin school.

152 Academy - the burn out - need status as the building is open to public

118 Highway - need status - building has been boarded up since 2006

Susan Bedsole - Battle Creek Licensing and Compliance Director, will be attending the November meeting.

Planning: Dennis McKinley City Representative - nothing to report.

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: previously submitted list is at City Hall.

Also - please canvass your neighborhood - if you see any properties that deserve recognition, please contact the chair with the property address.

Membership: We are still looking for individual's interested in becoming members.

Diana Quigg indicated that she would like to become a member. A motion was made by Linda and seconded by Gilbert for Diana to become a member of the planning council. It was approved by all. Diana's name will be sent by the chair for the City Commission to appoint.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioner Gray announced that Commissioner's Baldwin and Fulton, sent regrets that were not in attendance at they were attending the Municipal League Conference in Grand Rapids.

The city Attorney's performance evaluation was approved. The City Manager's evaluation is in-progress.

Commissioner Gray reminded us to VOTE - Nov 8 - City Commission

Battle Creek Public Schools:

Deb Norman reported that the Triangle Corner is in hibernation until spring. The fence, walking path, initial landscaping and hydro-seeding has been completed. The school will be beautified in the spring. Dr. Hicks was at Franklin School and talked about the renovations to include 4/6 new classrooms and multi-purpose room. She asked residents about changing the name of Franklin School and there was a lot of discussion but no indication at this time of a name change.

Question was asked of Deb about the drainage on the corner of the developed adjoining park. She indicated that it was already brought to their attention. This brought a question to Dennis McKinley about who was responsible for the sidewalk on Willow as it is in disrepair. He indicated that he would follow-up on this question.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updating our 2006 Dashboard Survey will be discussed at our November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Bedsole will be attending our Nov meeting. She will be giving us an overview of the updated Rental Ordinance. Helping us with what we need to look for in our Dashboard Survey and information on the general checklist.

A nomination committee for next year's officers was established. It consists of: John Cash, Cindy Fritz, and Yvonne Powell.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

Public COMMENTS: Candidate's for City Commission - Andy Helmboldt, Sherry Sofia, and John Cash were each given time to explain why they were running for office.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is Nov 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary