

POST/FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL

Thursday, Sep 1, 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, and James Moreno.

Members Excused: Linda Carmona, Eliose Fogg, Gilbert Ortiz, Yvonne Powell, Pat Shellenberger and Simone Watkins.

Guests and Visitors: Commissioners Dave Walters and Lynn Ward Gray, Deb Norman - Franklin School, Samuel Gray - Candidate for City Comm., and Diana Quigg.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Postponed as there was not a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

James distributed the BCATS flyer to everyone. In Sep Water Bill announced that on Sat. Sep 7, Calhoun County would be holding an Electronic's Recycling Collection at the Public Works Facility.

S. Gray announced that the NAACP will be hosting a Freedom Fund Dinner on Oct 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Battle Creek Country Club. The price is \$65/person

S. Gray announced upcoming Urban League event October 21 Gospel Concert at WK Kellogg Auditorium entitled, "Rising Above the Storm" featuring Le'Andria Johnson, Sunday Best winner. Doors will open at 5:30 and concert begins at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$15.00, there will be open seating.

L. Gray announced a couple of fundraisers, a black & white event called "Breakfast After Dark" for the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on Saturday, October 15, 8 p.m.-midnight at the Holiday Inn. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds benefit scholarships and community programming.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS:

Police Department: No representation. No report.

City Staff Representation: Not present due to scheduled leave.

Discussion was held about the vacant lots on the corners of Post/Main and Elm/Cliff. The Main/Post corner lot is being used as a car lots. These properties are owned by the Calhoun Country Land Bank. They will soon be posted with signs saying - NO Parking, Violators will be towed. After the signs are posted we will be able to call for tow service. James will confirm and report at our October Meeting regarding the procedure for reporting and having cars removed from these two properties.

Planning: City Representative on schedule leave - No report

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: The following list was submitted:
14 East Kingman, 54 East Kingman, 89 East Kingman, 98 East Kingman, 131 East Kingman, 52 Cliff and 205 Cliff. Addresses were provided to the Chair by Commissioner Sullivan; the Chair vetted each address and agreed with their being submitted.

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: No Updates

The floor was open to sitting City Commissioners Lynn Ward Gray and Dave Walters. Candidates running for City Commission - Sam Gray and Johnny Cash. Each was give 3 minutes to give their stand. Members and visitors were then given the opportunity to ask questions.

Battle Creek Public Schools:

Deb Norman reported that the Post Foundation has selected new playground equipment and it will be: Swings, Climbers, and something called a Twirly. The property adjacent to the school that was recently acquired - the Triangle (vacant land) will be developed and will include a walking path and 2 soccer fields.

OLD BUSINESS:

With no quorum the 2006 Dashboard Survey and our potential workshop was postponed.

NEW BUSINESS: Susan Bedsole is tentatively scheduled to attend our Oct meeting. We will need to appoint a nomination committee for upcoming Officer nominations and elections in November.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

Public COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is Oct 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by, Cindy Fritz, Recording Secretary