

WESTLAKE/PRAIRIEVIEW
Neighborhood Planning Council #10
Draft Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2011

Call to Order & Welcome:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Koteles. The invocation was lead by Kathy Barker

Attendance:

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Koteles, Linda Patenaude, Mary Lou Ramon, Cal Canfield, Danyelle Bradshaw, Steve Barker, Kathy Barker, Joyce Garrett, Rita Grandgenett, Dwight Grandgenett, Diana Cole and Neils Magnusson,. (12 Members Present)

Excused: Mike Troutman, Opal Bell, Julie Davis, Gary Dodd, Mary Lyn Smith, Melinda Adams, Karol Henegar, Joe Ratti, Joanne Novelli, Tom Cramutolo, Cecil Salinas, Teri Walbeck, Jim Walbeck, Gary Blagg, Pete Francisco, Nancy Slocum, and David Wood.

Special Guests Present: Mayor Susan Baldwin, Commissioner Andy Yankama, Commissioner Diane Thompson, and Jim Baldwin. (4 Guests Present)

Non-Members Present: Marcie Gillette Manager of Neighborhood Services and Officer Walters BCPD. (2 City Staff Member Present)

Grand Total Present: 18 Members, Guests & Staff Present

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

It was moved by Linda Patenaude, supported by Rita Grandgenett and carried to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2010 meeting of this council.

Police Reports:

Officer Walters gave a brief overview of the crime states between December 2010 and January 2011. He, also, shared that the department was doubling up on officers in patrol cars as a cost savings measure as this saved vehicle maintenance and fuel costs. Residents might notice a slightly longer response time for 911 calls because of this. It was also relayed by a member that there was drug traffic at 114 S. 23rd Street.

Correspondence, Announcements & Public Service Announcements from Commissioners:

Mayor Baldwin announced that there was a moratorium on the medical marijuana issue as they watched the court rulings elsewhere in Michigan and waited for the State government to better define this law. She also discussed the proposed newer version of Battle Creek's rental ordinance which the commission would be adopting at their first meeting in March. And she mentioned the

Downtown Transformation taking place right now. There were construction cameras monitoring all this activity and could be viewed @ Rosler.us (?) There should, also, be a link on the city's site for this. She then discussed the serious decisions the city was facing as they contemplated this year's budget which would be coming before them in July

Commissioner Yankama, who is on the board for Goguac Lake, stated that there would be no Goguac Lake Assessment this year because they had enough money in their fund balance to maintain the status quo. He also commented the surveys going on recently at Horse Shoe Pond. This was ongoing and conducted at all drainage areas within the county.

Commissioner Morris had nothing new on the BID but asked Jim Baldwin to fill the council in on the planning that was ongoing with this group. There was some discussion regarding the retention pond behind McDonald's not attracting any storm water runoff.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership: Mary Lou Ramon stated that there was nothing new to report.

Beautiful BC Award: Chairman Koteles nominated 1134 S. 24th Street for January's Beautiful Battle Creek Award stated that All members were encouraged to bring addresses to the meetings as the council had used up the backlog that it had.

CDAC: Linda Patenaude stated that CDAC there were less groups applying this year and that the committee's recommendations would next be going before the city commission.

Planning Commission Report:

There would be no meeting this month. There would, however, be a joint session held with the City Commission and Planning Commission members to review the city's Capital Improvement budget on January 31st at 6:00pm at the Department of Public Works building on Kendal.

City Staff Report:

Neighborhood Services:

Marcie Gillette commented on the property surveys that the code department would begin in March. They would be assessing exterior conditions of all properties in Battle Creek and issuing notices if corrections were needed. It was also hoped that this would produce a list of unregistered rental properties. She was asked about the clause from Kalamazoo's rental ordinance which was submitted to commissioners and staff. She relayed that staff was studying this suggested addition to Battle Creek's rental ordinance.

Old Business:

a. Woodland Park Report:

Joyce Garrett relayed that Woodland Park was now listed in the KCC catalog, that the Eagle Scout Bulletin Board was complete and that they would have a booth and the Calhoun County Challenge at the Mall.

New Business:

a. Nominating Committee Report: Joyce Garrett, after noting that all members had been solicited by phone and through the memo that went out in December to the council, stated that the committee had nominated Jeff Koteles for Chair and Linda Patenaude for Secretary. No one had volunteered for the position of Vice Chair. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed by a vote of the council. It then was moved by Mary Lou Ramon, supported by Rita Grandgenett and carried to forego the February election process and elect the slate this night for the operational year to begin in March 2011 and run through February 2012.

Special Presentation:

Danyelle Bradshaw, who works for the Substance Abuse council, handed out flyers and discussed drug and alcohol prevention measures that they were focusing on. Prescription drug abuse and purchasing alcohol for miners was a concern. They would be having a special presentation on February 23, 2011 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Burnham Brook. Members were encouraged to bring any out dated prescription drugs they may have for proper disposal; instead of dumping them into our sewer systems. There would be a light dinner served at this function as well as a guest speaker: Pharmacist Jim Middleton. The Substance Abuse Council may be reached at 968-4227 if anyone was interested in having them do a presentation. Their web site is: www.drugfreebc.org

Comments for the Good of the Order:

Public Comments: None.

Member Comments:

At this time Steve Barker, Kathy Barker, Dwight Grandgenett and Rita Grandgenett announced their resignation from the council. The council wished them well in their future ventures and thanked them for their service.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m..

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Chairman Koteles.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary Lou Ramon

Acting Secretary NPC # 10

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**Contact Information For Members:**

Members are encouraged to call the following City Department's directly with any concerns that arise outside of the meetings: The Planning and Community Development department may be reached at 966-3320. For Code Compliance and building permit related issues call 966-3387 or 966-3348. Deputy Police Chief Jim Saylor may be reached directly at 966-3375 with any police concerns occurring outside of the meeting time.

Memo: Please call Chairman Koteles at 963-7096, Secretary Linda Patenaude at 962-8514, or Membership Chair Mary Lou Ramon at 963-5101, or email the Mary Lou Ramon at hercules31@att.net, for an excused absence if you are unable to attend a meeting. No reason need be given to be excused.