

WESTALKE/PRAIRIEVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL #10
Meeting Minutes
June 27th, 2011

The meeting was held at First Assembly of God Church, 800 S. 24th Street, Battle Creek Michigan

Call to Order & Welcome

Chair, Jeff Koteles called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
Cecil Salinas led the invocation.

Attendance:

In attendance: Chairman: Jeff Koteles, Vice-chair: David Weaver Secretary: Linda Patenaude, Julie Davis, Gary Dodd, Jeff Domenico, Pete Francisco, Tom Frame, Karol Hennigar, Joyce Garrett, Neils Magnusson, Cecil Salinas,
Commissioners: County Commissioner; Jim Haadsma
Guests: Martin Brennar, Rita Grandganette, & Mary Lou Ramon
City staff: Neighborhood Services: Marcie Gillette, Police: none

Chair Notes/Correspondence/Announcements: Jeff Koteles

Proposed bylaws changes were mailed to all members and extra copies are available. Members are encouraged to read them and be ready to discuss changes.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Trooper Christy Angelo is our featured speaker this evening.

Minutes:

Joyce Garrett motioned to approve the May NPC minutes as written with a second by Dave Weaver. The motion was unanimously approved. While submitting the new member's names to the commission, after their appointment last month, Linda realized that an error was made when suggesting that Jeff Domenico would have a 2012 renewal date. That slot was all filled up and it was sent to the commission with a 2013 along with Tom Frames.

Police Report:

No officer was present. Marcie Gillette passed out written police reports

Public Service Announcements from Commissioners:

County Commissioner Jim Headsman for District 3 joined us. Due to recent changes he now represents a portion of our geographic region, precinct 23. The commission is working well together and collaboratively with other municipalities. Their next meeting will focus on setting priority areas of work. County commission does not have any control of the drain commission.

Committee Reports:

a. Membership : Received some calls for excused absences. Extended or serious illness policy was discussed. It involves an extended courtesy to certain individuals to eliminate the monthly call at their request if they have a serious illness. It was motioned to make a standing rule by Joyce stating that individuals who have serious illnesses can ask for a 6 month excused absence with only one notification. . It was seconded by Cecil Salinas. The vote was unanimous.
Sent out letters asking about membership priorities and received resignations from Jim Wallback and Terry Walbeck and Joe Ratti. We have 22 members.

b. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: 10 South 29th Street. These neighbors have made great efforts and lots of improvements to their home

PLEASE BRING IN ADDRESS or homes or businesses in our area for awards

c. CDAC: Linda Patenaude – nothing new

d. Neighborhood Planning- nothing

City Staff Report: Marcie Gillette passed out code reports Storm damage made reports much larger. Code officers did storm damage analyses and helped get us ranked on storm damage and prioritizing. Don't wait to call code enforcement on weeds/tall grass.

Old Business:

Woodland Park: Cereal parade and info table was a tremendous turnout at the cereal festival last month. Storm damage was found on all trails. 25 volunteers helped to clean up the park and are much appreciated. The city also did lots of work there. There are just a few more trees to be taken care of.

New Business:

None.

Special Presentation: Trooper Kristy Angelo handed out Identity Theft booklets and shared information on keeping your identity safe.

Comments for the Good of the Order:

Public Comments:

- Commissioner Haadsma shared he has public time with constituents on July 2nd ; 7am to 9am Doty's coffee on Territorial hour

Member Comments-

- Joe shared that he and his group have seen plans and are working with Scott Ganton regarding Jacaranda 3 assisted living facility. He is looking forward to signing an agreement first right of refusal to buy property with Scott Ganton providing jacaranda residents with options.
- Please put names phone #'s and e-mails of officers should be in the minutes

Next Meeting: Monday, July 25th , 2011

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

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