

Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) #11
Riverside Elementary School Library
650 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015
Minutes for Wednesday February 23rd 2011

1. **7:30 PM** – Welcome and opening due to late arrival of the chairman Champlin
2. Attendance sheet: Dave Hawks, Joe Goss, Susan Bedsole, Commissioner Fulton, Jan Barry, Wendy Rominger, Ann Wyson, County Commissioner Jim Haadsma , Jim Rutherford, Jim Rutherford, Commissioner Diane Thompson, Randall Champlin. Secretary Barda on vacation.
3. **Additions or deletions to this agenda** – None
4. **Approval of the January meeting’s minutes.** Motion by Ann Wyson and second by Jan Barry
5. **Correspondence sent/received** –
 - Round Table Discussion Battle Creek Tuesday, February 16, 2011. Notice forwarded to members via e-mail
6. **City staff reports**
 - Police Department Report - None
 - City representative Susan Bedsole - Still working on downtown building plan. Upcoming Meeting *Jon Schallert*, an expert on making your business a “destination,” *will speak to local businesses.* If you have limbs down after the ice storm you are going to have to put it aside and bring it out to the curb when Waste Management starts picking up yard waste again in April.
 - City/County Commissioners’ No comments from city Commissioners.
 - Jim Haadsma - The County is dealing with less revenue sharing and lower property tax. Commissioner Haadsma mentioned that the friends of Ott preserve and the trail ways alliance are trying to come to an agreement on access and connection of the Kal-Haven trail and the preservation of the natural environment of the preserve. A trail around the outside would be less intrusive but would probably cost more.
7. **Committee reports**
 - Beautiful Battle Creek Award – Ann Wyson: Robert and Susan Elliott 244 Country Club Terrace
 - CDAC and Membership – Wendy Rominger – Recommendations will go before the city commission march 1st.
 - Neighborhoods and Land Use – John Godfrey – John is on vacation.
 - NPC 11 Programs – James Haadsma - Lindy Kurti, Jane Church speaking about the improvements made to the Country Club Hills neighborhood boulevards and the process involved in making it happen.
8. **Old business from previous meetings:**
9. **New business**
 - **Appointment of nominating Committee - Wendy Rominger lead this effort.**
 - Wed Feb 23, 2011 Chair appoints nominating committee

- Wed Apr 27, 2011 Nominating Committee slate of officers
- Wed May 25, 2011 Officers elected
- **This month's program** – Program Topic: Tentatively Jim Rutherford, Health Officer, Calhoun County Public Health Department to speak on the Enbridge oil spill clean-up efforts
 - No long-term ground water contamination
 - Good support from many organizations and Enbridge
 - If you want to know about the animals that have been treated a good resource is Binder Park Zoo veterinarian Dr. Chris Tabaka.
 - The in Jim's opinion the US Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has been negligent in ensuring that pipelines are maintained properly
 - Lessons Learned – don't think "it can't happen here". The Kalamazoo river could open up again this summer.
 - The infrastructure is 40-50 years old the pipelines are a time bomb.
 - There has been activity already and the bottom of riverside hill. Apparently Enbridge is taking advantage of the frozen ground to get trucks in and remove contamination.

10. Public comments - None

11. Members' comments – Jim Haadsma – Mentioned that there had been questions about a Drug problem or house on Lincoln Blvd. However there was not drug house. It turned out to be an individual that may have some issue.

12. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 7:00PM, Riverside Elementary Library

- Program Topic: Lindy Kurti and Jane Church speaking about the improvements made to the Country Club Hills neighborhood boulevards and the process involved in making it happen.

13. 8:35 PM – Adjournment