

Minutes

Minges Brook/Riverside Neighborhood Planning Council (NPC) #11

Riverside Elementary School Library
650 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015
Wednesday Sept 28th, 2011

1. **7:00 PM – Welcome and opening**

2. **Attendance sheet:** James Baldwin, Jan Barry, Randall Champlin, John Godfrey, Jim Haadsma, Dave Hawks, Wendy Rominger, Susan Bedsole, Elizabeth Fulton, Susan Baldwin, Joyce Bishop, Andy Yankama

Guests: Dave Walters, Tim Bedsole, Mark and Pam VanOosten, Mark Benkee, Randaolph Kip, Jeff Domenico, Mark Behnke, Joe Domenico, Mary Elizabeth Domenico, Sarah and Dan Boone, Stella Korbak, Dave Domenico, Jeff Domenico, Kathy Domenico, Diane Krause, Mark Krause

3. **Approval of the May 25th meeting's minutes** was motioned by John Godfrey, support by Wendy Rominger. Jan Barry recommended amendments to minutes. Updated May minutes are saved as "*NPC 11 Minutes for Wed May 25 2011 with Sep 28 update.doc*". May Minutes were approved as amended.

4. **Correspondence sent/received** - Nothing recent

5. **City staff reports** -

- Police Department Report No report
- City representative Susan Bedsole: City Clerk, Code and inspection offices have shared services. These offices will see some change as they are separated so they can each focus on their separate functions. The City will have a new building inspector next week. He will be inspecting commercial buildings. Home inspections continue, Dave Hawks noted that some side walk corners are being replaced with ramps. Some still have plastic packaging attached.
- City/County Commissioners' reports: Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton – mentioned running unopposed but will pass out info this week. Commissioner Dave Walters.. noted that a new express bus will transport people to and from downtown and the Mall and that a circuit bus will take them to other commercial areas.

Dave Hawks commented that he would like to hear what commissioners felt about candidates or commissioners that have not paid their taxes. Candidates agreed to comment during their remarks as part of this month's program.

6. **Committee reports**

- Beautiful Battle Creek Award – Ann Wyson; Absent
- CDAC and Membership – Wendy Rominger – Nothing new
- Neighborhoods and Land Use – John Godfrey –The zoning commission is revamping the zoning code. It had not be
 - i. Downtown's "Fall into the Arts" is upcoming October 14
 - ii. Oct, 10 ..6-8:30 Several groups are sponsoring a candidate forum at first Congregational Church
- NPC 11 Programs – James Haadsma –October Program will be Kathy Antaya

7. Old business from previous meetings: None

8. New business:

- Pam Van Oosten of 723 Greenridge Rd. would like to expand the licensed childcare in her home from 6 to up to 12 children. This would require a special use permit from the city. She talked about her plans and ask if the NPC has any questions. - Pam worked at Lakeview Schools and now provides day care service. Hours are 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

The members of the NPC ask several questions about the security of the home, the schedule for drop off and pick up, training required and notification of the neighbors. Mrs. Van Oosten answered these questions.

A motion was made by John Godfrey to note that NPC 11 has no objections to the request for a special use permit. Wendy Rominger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with existing City Commissioners and County Commissioner Jim Haadsma abstaining.

- This month's program – City commission candidate remarks. NPC 11 heard brief remarks and had a Q&A session with the following candidates:
 - At large Commissioner and Mayor Susan Baldwin
 - Ward 4 Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton
 - At Large Commissioner Dave Walters
 - Ward 5 city Commission Candidate Jeff Domenico
 - Ward 5 Commissioners Andy Yankama
 - At Large candidate Andy Helmboldt
 - At Large candidate Mark Behnke attended but had to leave the meeting before getting a chance to speak

9. Public comments: none

10. Members' comments

11. Next meeting: Wednesday, October 26th, 2011 7:00PM, Riverside Elementary Library

- Program Topic: Kathy Antaya to discuss the local fresh food initiatives: Good Food BC, Sprout Urban Farms, and Green Fist

12. 8:15 PM – Adjournment