

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2**  
**Meeting Minutes ~ August 9, 2011 ~ 165 Ann Ave., Home of NPC2 Members Keith & Sheryl McDonald**

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Samuel Gray, chair.
- 2. Attendance-Members present:** Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Steve Lee, Keith McDonald, Sheryl McDonald and Betty Settles **Excused Absence:** Family Health Center **Members Absent:** Jeffrey Dinkins, Neighborhoods, Inc., Rosetta Sanders and Dorothy Young **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco **Guest:** Rasabah Sudarkasa-Kyasaah
- 3. Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda:** Moved by K. McDonald & supported by S. Lee to approve the July 14, 2011 minutes as presented .Motion carried.
- 4. Time Sensitive City Staff/BCPS/City Commission/Committee Report Updates:**
  - Ofcr. Francisco gave updates about an NPC2 business and will check with M. Gillette & Ken T. about some additional questions
  - Our guest raised concerns that Ofcr. Francisco stated we would need to ask Lt. Madsen to look into them, 1) loud music and disruptive activity in early morning hours at the gas station at corner of Kendall & Michigan Ave. across from Faith Assembly Church, 2) Theft at Adventist Village, he & his dogs have tried to be a presence but police may want to watch this area.
  - Comm. Gray reported the following, 1) In the process of scheduling a special meeting of the city commission to meet NSP2 grant requirements, 2)The Golden Service has been taken out of service, residents can still go to the website under “voice a concern” to log a concern. Also reviewing an alternative to the Blackberry devices, 10 remaining employees on the service will allow their contracts to expire, 3) change order for lighting has been postponed until 8/16/11, please join us at the next commission meeting and voice your opinion on this and other city business and, 4) guidelines for our tax abatement process were adopted at the 8/2/11 meeting.
- 5. Strategic Planning Session III:** Table until September 2011 meeting.
- 6. Member Comments/Public Comments:**
  - Members felt having something like yard signs or banners around NPC2 may be nice to unify NPC2, “we see, we believe, we become”
  - S. Gray announced upcoming Kwanzaa event on December 28<sup>th</sup> and invited others to upcoming planning meetings. The NAACP will also be selling tickets to an annual fundraiser, the Freedom Fund banquet on Friday, October 28, 6 p.m. at the Battle Creek Country Club, tickets will be \$65.
  - L. Gray announced a fundraiser, 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.
  - B. Settles announced the Urban League Guild’s upcoming membership drive on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Ashton Lake Club House and the Urban Leagues 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 p.m. and concert begins at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$15.00, there will be open seating.
- 7. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods, Inc.
- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Ward Gray, Secretary