

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ January 11, 2011 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.**

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

2. Attendance

Members Present: Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Steve Lee, Keith McDonald, Sheryl McDonald, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Excused:** Nina LaGrand, Rosetta Sanders and Cynthia Wyatt **Members Absent:** Jeffery Dinkins **Commissioner:** Lynn Ward Gray **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco **Guests:** AJ Jones-FHC, Yvonne Powell-NIBC

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved K. Hillian & supported by L. Gray to approve the October 12, November 23 and December 14, 2010 minutes with any necessary corrections. Motion carried

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Moved by L. Gray & supported by K. McDonald to add – Election of 2011-12 Officers to the agenda. Motion carried

5. Correspondence & Announcements: None

6. Battle Creek Public Schools: None

7. Speakers: None

8. Committee Reports

Membership: B. Settles stated a resident on Graves may be interested, she'll make contact. S. Lee asked for clarity on how many members of an organizational membership in an NPC have a vote, the answer is one **Beautiful Battle Creek Award:** Discussed properties that have been submitted to date. L. Gray will follow up with city staff. The order of recognition is as follows: 1) 138 Oaklawn (Ofcr. Francisco will follow up Susan Bedsole on this property), 2) Family Health Center of Battle Creek, 3) 410 N. Washington, 4) 189 Redner, 5) 276 Greenwood, and 6) 75 Bowen Ave. **CDAC:** Jeffrey Dinkins – absent, no report

9. City Staff Reports

Police Report: Ofcr. Francisco gave both the crime mapping report and the code compliance & inspections report. He provided an update on an NPC2 business. **Commissioner Comments:** Comm. Gray gave the following updates: 1) Reported on the upcoming property surveys that begin March 7th and the process, 2) the January 12th morning commission workshop agenda, 3) a round table discussion to hear from residents on the rental housing ordinance is January 13th at 5:30pm at city hall, and 4) look for workshops on the capital improvement program, water & sewer rates, medical marijuana and the FY11-12 budget

10. Old Business: The **Press Release Update & Membership Recruitment Plan** have not progressed, therefore, it was moved by K. McDonald & supported by L. Gray that an ad hoc committee be formed to create action steps and a strategy for membership recruitment. Motion carried. Members of this committee are L. Gray, S. Gray, K. McDonald, B. Settles & D. Young

11. New Business:

Election of 2011-12 Officers: It was moved by D. Young & supported by S. Lee to approve the slate of officers as presented for the term April 1, 2011-March 31, 2012. The slate is: Samuel

Gray, chair; Keith McDonald, vice chair; Betty Settles, membership chair; Kitty Hillian, Beautiful Battle Creek Award chair. Motion carried. In addition, it was moved by K. McDonald & supported by B. Settles to approve Lynn Ward Gray for secretary and Sheryl McDonald for assistant secretary effective immediately through March 31, 2012. Motion carried. Some also expressed an interest in updating our bylaws. It was moved by D. Young & supported by S. Lee that an ad hoc committee be formed to review the current bylaws and make recommendations to NPC 2 for possible revisions. Motion carried. Committee members are D. Young, S. Lee, B. Settles and S. Gray

12. Member & Public Comments:

Public Comments: A.J. Jones of the Family Health Center gave an update on some new initiatives **Member Comments:** S. Gray announced the NAACP Youth Explosion, MLK, Jr. events and the AA Heritage Luncheon. See him if you are interested in NAACP membership. B. Settles announced the Urban League Banquet on February 5

13. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods, Inc. S. McDonald, will take minutes

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Ward Gray, Secretary