

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ March 8, 2011 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.**

1. Call to Order & Welcome: Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair.

2. Attendance-Members present: Jeffrey Dinkins, Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, A.J. Jones-FHC, Keith McDonald, Bill Phillips-NIBC, Rosetta Sanders, Betty Settles and Dorothy Young **Members Absent:** Nina LaGrand, Steve Lee, Sheryl McDonald and Cynthia Wyatt **City Staff:** Marcie Gillette, Officer Chad Francisco **Guest:** Mayor Susan Baldwin

3. Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by D. Young & supported by A.J. Jones to approve the February 8, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Moved by A.J. Jones & supported by K. McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence & Announcements: S. Gray gave out BCATS report he had received for February 2011.

6. City Staff Reports:

Police Report:

Ofcr. C. Francisco reporting. S. Gray asked why a police car parks on the sidewalk in front of the Kellogg Community Federal Credit Union, Ofcr. Francisco will find out. S. Gray asked if the metal detectors at Central High School are still necessary, some students feel put out, Ofcr. Francisco will follow up with Ofcr. Munoz, it is his beat, he would possibly have stats on how often they encounter weapons, etc. Ofcr. Francisco said they will continue to double up in cars, explained the overlap car concept helps reduce OT spending and saves gas

City Staff Representative:

M. Gillette reporting. Reports are condensed due to property survey work that started on March 7. Resident on Seedorf is having problems with neighbor and tree. She explained guidelines about when it can be taken care of and when it's a civil manner for the neighbor. Member asked who has been marking trees in blue. The reply was either Consumer's Energy or someone they contract with. They will mark diseased trees or trees in the way of power lines. There was some discussion about where your property line ends. Answer is "it depends," check your deed, for instance some end at the center of sidewalk, some go from edge of sidewalk to center of street. Oneita and Goodale was a question, never had a problem with the city taking care of tree trim but this year they didn't take care of it. A question was raised about the damaged billboard on Dickman, will it be taken down and replaced?

Commissioner Comments:

Mayor Baldwin 1) Budget season, workshops starting in April, 2.2million will need to be cut. We'll be looking at where we can make cuts. Some of the winter cost saving, moved several folks to 3rd shift and helped save on OT. 2) How to fund consolidated dispatch, will discuss the options, 3) Lifecare proposal specialized training, for AED usage and 4) Local preference policy and potential impact will be discussed. Members asked if there was anything on the books that says those who received and contract have to use so many minorities on the contract. Is there a minority preference hiring policy still in place, if yes, is it still in effect? K. McDonald would like to see more minorities working on contracts. Why can't it be specified in the RFP the number of minorities to work the contract, you need that on federal contracts, why not local as well? Commissioner Gray invited folks to next Conversations with Commissioner Gray on March 21.

7. Battle Creek Public Schools: No report. There was again some discussion about having representation from BCPS at the meetings. R. Sanders stated initially representation was a school board initiative so maybe check with W. Burton to see if he can move the process of supplying BCPS representation at our NPC meetings along. L. Gray will follow up with William Burton & Linda Hicks.

8. Speakers: None

9. Committee Reports:

Membership: Sent around a sympathy card for members to sign for Cynthia Wyatt, her husband passed, L. Gray will mail it.

Beautiful Battle Creek Award: No homes nominated

CDAC: No report

Membership Recruitment (ad hoc): No report

Bylaws Revision (ad hoc): No report

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business: What is the vision for NPC2? What would you like to see in NPC2? Perhaps get feedback to these questions through a town hall or survey. Members would like to dedicate the next meeting to coming up with a plan. M. Gillette offered demographics of the condition of NPC2, members agreed, M. Gillette will prepare documents for our next meeting. Questions to discuss: Where is NPC2's ultimate destination, what are the assets as a council, assets on the community level, what are our challenges. Members would like to forgo most of the regular agenda format and develop this plan at future meetings until it's done.

12. Public & Member Comments: None.

13. Next Meeting: Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods, Inc.

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Ward Gray, Secretary