

**North Central Neighborhood Planning Council #2
Meeting Minutes ~ September 13, 2011 ~ Neighborhoods, Inc.**

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome:** Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Samuel Gray, chair.
- 2. Attendance-Members present:** Jeffrey Dinkins, A.J. Jones-FHC, Lynn Ward Gray, Samuel Gray, Kitty Hillian, Bill Phillips-NIBC, and Dorothy Young **Members Absent:** Steve Lee, Keith McDonald, Sheryl McDonald, Rosetta Sanders and Betty Settles **City Staff:** Officer Chad Francisco, Marcie Gillette, Lt. Madsen **Guests:** William Burton, Andy Helmboldt & Chandra Youngblood
- 3. Approval of Previous Minutes and Agenda:** Moved by L. Gray & supported by A.J. Jones to approve the August 8, 2011 minutes with one correction, Strategic Planning Meeting should be number V not III .Motion carried.
- 4. Time Sensitive City Staff/BCPS/City Commission/Committee Report Updates:**
 - The summer 2011 BCATS report was handed out by S. Gray.
 - Ofcr. Francisco reported 1) B&E's are still up, some recent arrests have produced some leads, 2) Rob Miller & Chris Hug are new officers in this area, 3) A.J. Jones asked that traffic patterns, etc. on Walters St. be assessed, hard to get through there at times. Lt. Madsen also gave an update.
 - M. Gillette reported 1) The term Housing Code 2 report is house the property surveys are listed, and 2) Weed enforcement is coming to a close.
 - A Beautiful Battle Creek Award nomination was received from Eric Morris, 48 Somerset.
 - Comm. Gray reported the following, 1) Change order for transformation project was defeated, 2) The Intermodal parking lot was discussed & voted upon, and 3) CDAC meetings begin with orientation on Nov. 9, 2011, meeting dates were announced for this year.
 - Battle Creek Public Schools' C. Youngblood reported no "flasher" had been put in with the street/sidewalk reconstruction and wanted to know if it's still possible, streets are narrower. L. Gray will send a follow up email to Greg Rickmar.
- 5. Strategic Planning Session V:** A.J. Jones, facilitator, led the discussion:
AJ has asked NPA to come to Oct. meeting to help us with the next step of our strategic planning, setting goals for coming year, AJ asked NPC 2 members to list some possible goals that we're interested in that we will take about 30 minutes to discuss at the next meeting
 - Recruitment
 - Retain residents
 - Connect to community resources
 - How do we mobilize ourselves and organize
 - Resource guide
 - Evaluation of the housing stock so we have a starting point so we have something to measure our efforts against
- 6. Public Comments/Member Comments:**
 - A. Helmboldt announced his candidacy for at-large city commissioner & requested the support of NPC 2 on November 8.
 - B. Phillips announced a September 15 meeting that will explore Crime Watch type programs, this is a coming together of a BC Community Watch Coalition.
 - Based on attendance records, member Rosetta Sanders, has been removed from NPC 2 membership based on Article 4, Section 4 of our Bylaws.
 - L. Gray announced 1) Lt. Madsen's cell number to members per his request, and 2) Urban League of Battle Creek upcoming Gospel Concert.

- S. Gray announced 1) Voces Grand Inauguration on Oct. 1, 12-5 p.m., and 2) Announced his candidacy for at-large city commissioner & requested the support of NPC 2 on November 8.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Neighborhoods, Inc.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. by Samuel Gray, Chair

Respectfully Submitted: Lynn Ward Gray, Secretary