

Neighborhood Planning Council – 4
January 19, 2011
Maple United Church
342 Capital Avenue NE

Minutes

Attendees:

NPC 4 Members and Residents: Dave Nielsen, Mark Jones, Jana Davis, Sandy Calderone, John Hennink, Rebecca Ogradowski, Dave Salerno, Laurie Sullivan, John Walton, George Wilson

Guests: Susan Bedsole, Ofc. Kris Brown, Lynn Ward Gray, Jim Haadsma,

Chair Dave Nielsen called meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Minutes: Upon Motion and Support from John Walton and John Hennink, the December 15, 2010 minutes were approved with corrections.

Police report: The police report was distributed. Ofc. Brown reported that nothing exceptional is occurring at this time.

Code compliance: The code report was distributed. Susan Bedsole reported that there is action regarding 136 Fremont St. The code department is beginning the preparations for the exterior inspections that occur every three years throughout the city. Inspections of the NPC will begin in March. Also, NSP renovation work has begun on 202 Garfield.

City Commission Report: Laurie Sullivan noted 1463 is still being discussed. The medical Marijuana issue will be discussed again in January.

Beautiful Battle Creek: No nominations for January. Laurie Sullivan agreed to compile a list.

Neighborhood Association updates: Creating Change: Marcus Trammel has left and taken a position with JONAH, Jamie Nelson is also left the organization.

Freedom Acres is working hard and has been active with opening the HIVE community house and other activities.

Old Business:

Northside Master Plan: For the January program the Northside Master Plan committee presented the results of their work. Most of the work has centered on Rental ordinance 1463. Since there are a large percentage of rental properties in the neighborhood, the committee concentrated their efforts on this issue.

Upon Motion made and supported by John Hennink and Sandy Calderone. NPC 4 supports the idea of a rental ordinance with the minimum of these three criteria: 1. Registration of all rental properties with the City of Battle Creek with re-registration at a TBD periodic interval; 2. Inspection of rental properties; 3. Substantial fines for landlords who do not voluntarily register their properties. The motion was approved: 7 Yeas and 2 abstentions.

Special Zoning Permit Requests:

34 Latta St.: The City Commission denied the special request. It is now under appeal.

New Business: No new business for January.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.