

**RURAL SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Vice-Chair, Harry Zimmerman in absence of Chair Mike Fatt. Minutes of last meeting approved.

MEMBERS AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Rex Winslow, Shelby Winslow, Durward McCleary, Harry Zimmerman, Linda Morris-Zimmerman, BCPD Officers Andrew Winer and Chris Rabbitt, and Christine Hilton, Planning Supervisor. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND CITY STAFF UPDATES:

- Officer Winer reported that with escalating fuel prices, the City officers are now patrolling as doubled up (2 officers in car) units. Nothing of significant change other than that.
- Chris Hilton handed out the NPC Report for the Rural Southwest as well as the City of Battle Creek Crime Mapping Report. Chris reported that the NPC Report was lengthier than usual due to the property assessments that had to be completed by the end of February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Hilton advised that the road construction on Glen Cross Road near Capital Avenue was not part of a City approved road construction.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harry Zimmerman asked Chris Hilton to look into whether or not the City would be willing to authorize a limited period for burning of tree branches without the need for buying a burn permit in the Rural Southwest Neighborhood area. Or, in the alternative, whether tree limbs could be placed for curbside pickup due to the extraordinary amount of downed trees/limbs/branches.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting: April 12, 2011 at 6:30 PM at Southside Bible Church.