

**Central Neighborhood Planning Council – NPC 3 Minutes**

**October 10, 2019 7:00PM**

**Trinity Community Center 10 W. Bidwell St., Battle Creek, MI 49015**

Call to Order/Time Convened: 7:00 PM by Vice Chair Robert Kist

Attendance:

Members: Cynde Foster, Robert Kist, Rick Buchanan, Kera Buchanan, Gloria Mansfield, Cari L. Briggs, Trudy Hall, Tim Marske, Dave Henkel, Tim Cole

Excused Members: Tim Conlogue, Jerry Dill, Penny Dill, Troy Kirtley, Brandi Kirtley

City Staff: Chris Lussier (Community Development Dept) Freddie McGee (Battle Creek Public Schools)

Guests: Pastor Janet Wilson, Jim Haadsma

Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the Minutes: MOTION by Cari L. Briggs 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloria Mansfield to Accept minutes of September 12, 2019 as presented. CARRIED

City Staff Reports:

Police Department: None-no officer present

Code Reports: Chris Lussier handed out reports

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Report: None-no one in attendance; for quite some time Schools (BCPS & Lakeview): Freddie McGee from BCPS spoke to the Members About the need for “Reading Buddies” for the kids. A new rule is that any 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader will be retained there if not an efficient reader. They also have a Parent University to help get parents involved with monthly meetings. In attendance is A CPS representative.

Membership (new additions or deletions): MOTION by Kera Buchanan 2<sup>nd</sup> Trudy Hall to “remove” the following Members for non attendance: Angel Flores, Patel Prakasm, Frank Nemethy,kAren May. CARRIED

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards (Residential and/or Business: R-4 plex of apts., 20 &18 and 16 &14 Beckman, B-935 W. Territorial

Business Report: None

Byrne Grant Project: Cynde Foster talked about the Clean Up that will be on held on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We will be meeting at the Trinity Community Center At 10 am to get supplies to clean up 3 areas...the areas are the vacant lot on the Corner of Fountain & Capital (across from Horrocks), the

alley that runs along side Of Jetco Sign and the empty store (connected to Dollar General) across from the Community Center. We invite anyone interested to join us. After the clean up, There will be food, water, and conversation.

Old Business to be finalized: None

New Business: Robert Kist mentioned we work on building our Membership. Bring ideas to next meeting.

New Business for Future Meetings: Having Joe Sobieralski of BCU be a speaker. Contact information Ph: 269-962-7526 (m 269-924-2443) (dl 269-441-1571) And email - [sobieralski@bcunlimited.org](mailto:sobieralski@bcunlimited.org)

Speaker: Chris Lussier from the City Community Development Department. He Passed out a survey to be filled out that helps to designate areas the residents Of Battle Creek feel important (which went out in water bills and the City's web Site)...these surveys establish the priorities for the community development work In Battle Creek and governs how the City allocates funds to projects and programs. The Consolidated Program is done every five years. The Community Development Division coordinates planning and administers State and Federal Grants on behalf Of the City. He also handed out CDBG Target Area Report of our NPC Area; with Graphs of residential mortgage and tax indicators, residential sale indicators, and Residential occupancy indicators. A website (that is updated at midnight everyday Is <https://mi-battlecreek.dynamo.city>) is a great tool for this information. An example of a program is the Lead Abatement Program, home improvement Program, and community development block grants (CDBG). He gave us the City of Battle Creek's five year Consolidated Plan (2020-24) proposed Strategic priorities which ensures safe, prosperous and equitable communities by Creating strong, sustainable & inclusive neighborhoods and quality, affordable Housing for all people in Battle Creek.

Public/Guest Comments: None

Members Comments: Gloria shared information on the Battle Creek Planning And Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Project-3 day churette workshop. Cynde also Attended. Gloria also went to the Economic Development Meeting at Grace Health.

Adjournment Time: 8:50PM by Cynde Foster 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Henkel

NEXT MEETING: November 14, 2019 7:00PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of month) Trinity Community Center 10 W. Bidwell St., Battle Creek, MI 49015

Submitted by NPC Secretary Cynde Foster 269-964-2037