

CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL – NPC3

Trinity Neighborhood Center

10 W. Bidwell St., Battle Creek MI 49015

June 8th, 2023 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/TIME CONVENED; 7pm

ATTENDANCE;

Members: Tim Conlogue, Robert Kist, Cynde Foster, Gloria Mansfield

Excused: Tim Cole, Cari Briggs, Trudy Hall, Pastor Janet Wilson, Carla Berner, Al Berner

Absent: Jerry Dill, Penny Dill, Elisha Hodge, Bryan Mayes, Jack Montongue

City Staff: Commissioner Simmons, Officer Downey, Krista Trout Edwards (County LandBank), Kim Brown (Code)

ADDITION OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: No Quorum to approve the May 2023 Minutes

CITY STAFF REPORTS;

Police Dept.: We got to meet the COPS Officer to our NPC -Officer Ben Downey. He handed out the reports and explained them to us. The number of B&E's, larcenies, car thefts, Assaults, retail frauds, traffic stops and answered any questions.

Code Reports: Reports were handed out. Told us of some problems with the homeless living in the carpports left from the apartment complex that burned (area of Goguac, Dickman, Riverside) and murals have been painted (owned by the LandBank). Lots of long grass reports, junk accumulation. Because the Code Dept. is down one officer (NPC 1) the Other officers are covering it and their own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Simmons told us what was passed at the June 6, 2023 City Commission Meeting. Discussed the County Transportation Proposal that is still Being discussed, and the cost to the residents of BC. Discussion on changing the parking downtown with the new bars opening.

Schools: BCPS & Lakeview: None

Membership (new additions/deletions): None

Beautiful Battle Creek Awards: R-150 Battle Creek Ave

Business Report: 100 Leaf (Marijuana Shop) at Capital SW & Goguac is open. They purchased some property from the LandBank to have the needed footage to open.

OLD BUSINESS TO BE FINALIZED: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS; Discussion on what usage we might like to see with some of our 107 property/vacant lots the LandBank has in our NPC.

SPEAKER; Krista Trout Edwards with the Calhoun County LandBank talked to us about the 107 properties (mostly vacant lots) in our NPC. 35 of the 107 are side lots that

Can be purchased by a neighbor. Title work will be done by the LandBank as it can be overwhelming to the person who would like to purchase and register the new title.

Side lots 10,000 square feet and under is about \$200; and, over 10,000 sq. feet would be fair market value. If there are multiple vacant lots next to each other, they could be combine to

Make several smaller lots for smaller fill-in housing. Other NPCs are looking at this option with LandBank properties. Properties in our NPC that this could happen is Rittenhouse, Battle Creek Ave, Eldred near the old Wilson School area-just a thought.

PUBLIC/GUST COMMENTS; None

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Cynde reminded everyone that there is NO JULY MEETING. Have a great summer month off.

Also remember the Summer Party on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from Noon – 3pm at Trinity Neighborhood Center on Bidwell St. Volunteers needed.

ADJOURNMENT: Time 8:44pm By: Bob Kist 2nd Cynde Foster

NEXT MEETING IS ON AUGUST 10, 2023

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SUBMITTED BY

Secretary Cynde Foster

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