

Central Neighborhood Planning Commission 3

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

Minutes of October 12, 2023

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Call To Order/Time Convened: 7:03 pm

Attendance:

Members: Cynde Fostter, Trudy Hall, Gloria Mansfield, Michelle Tyler, Tim Cole, Robert Kist, Pastor Janet Wilson

Excused: Tim Conlogue, Carla Berner, Cari Briggs, Al Berner, Elisha Hodge, Bryan Mayes, Jerry Dill, Penny Dill

Absent: Jack Montague

City Staff: PD Officer Ty Dilling, Code Officer Kim Brown, City Commissioner Simmons

Guests: Eva Huddelston

ADDITION OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Gloria Mansfield 2nd Cynde Foster to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2023 CARRIED

CITY STAFF REPORTS:

Police Department: Officer Dilling said car thefts are still high and that the Michigan State Police are involved. Homelessness is a work in progress, trying to let them know what Services and funds are available. Explained arrests and CAD calls. Law Enforcement is being trained on how to de-escalate situations when dealing with someone with mental illness. A trained Technician for mental health to join the BCPD within the next month. They are taken to the hospital where they sit down with a doctor and a Summit Point worker. Also available is the First Step Program Facility located on College St. (in the old Regional Lab Bldg). The Non-Emergency number to call is [269-781-0911](tel:269-781-0911). Still call 911 if there is an emergency.

Code Reports: Kim Brown (Code Officer) handed out reports. Most complaints were for weeds and junk accumulation. She said the homeless are breaking into abandoned/vacant structures. The Horrocks on Capital Ave SW/Fountain St (back entrance) has seen this action. There are resources; but, the homeless do not avail themselves of them as there are rules to follow. Most are Veterans. Most with drug addiction or mental illness. Eva mentioned that she feels the homeless need to give the respect that they feel they should receive. It was mentioned that the Share Center may close down due to no funds to continue. This is a daytime Center that many with mental illness and homelessness use. Commissioner Simmons said he would look into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Report: The next City Commission Meeting is October 17, 2023, at 7 p.m. Agendas are available on the Thursday prior on the City website. The meetings can be watched on Access Vision or the City's YouTube site, or attend in person. On this Tuesday ordinances for marijuana facilities and County Transit Authority will be on the agenda. He said Penfield and Emmett Townships had opted out.

Schools: Battle Creek Public and Lakeview School District: None

Membership (new additions/deletions): Motion by Cynde Foster 2nd Pastor Janet Wilson to recommend Eva Huddleston 101 Frisbie Battle Creek MI 49015 for membership. CARRIED Deleted from Membership were Tim Marske and David Henkel.

Beautiful Battle Creek Award (Residential and/or Business): R- 321 Webber St. B-94 W. Bidwell

Networking Committee: Tim Cole gave us ideas of how to spend the \$350 Grant from the BCC Foundation. Yard signs, flyers, Shopper articles. More discussion next month. Community Minded residents for membership was discussed and how to attract them as most do not know what a Neighborhood Planning Council is.

Old Business To Be Finalized: None

New Business For Future Meetings: Suggestions for future meetings were Chief Bagley, Jessica Consumers Energy, Jessica VanderKolk

SPEAKER: None

Public/Guest Comments: None

Members Comments: Minutes are still not being mailed out to the ones requesting them; about 3 months now.

Adjournment Time: 8:45 pm by Cynde Foster 2nd Pastor Janet Wilson

Next Meeting: NOVEMBER 9th, 2023 at Trinity Community Center 10 W. Bidwell St., Battle Creek MI 49015 ***Remember no December 2023 Meeting***

Submitted By:
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