

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**URBANDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL – NPC 5**

**(Christ United Methodist Church, 65 Bedford Rd)**

**Monday, October 14, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\*FOR EXCUSED ABSENCES and AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS CONTACT\*\***

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**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order & Welcome @ 7:00 PM:** (Invocation/Moment of Silence)

**2. Attendance [Member (M) Guest (G) City Rep (C)]:** Curtis Roberts (M), Fred Bachman (M), Freeman Thomas (M), Kristin Blood (M), Nancy Hoard (M), Patricia Graw (M), Patty Poole Gray (M), Rebecca Pierce (M), Robert Whitfield (M), Roger Ballard (M), Sara Schmanske (M), Bernadette Llewelyn (G), Amanda Paffhausen (G), Eric Morris (C), N. Hopkins (C), John Griffin (C), S. Hickman (C)

**EXCUSED:** Kathy Antaya, Terry Lancaster

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes:** Moved by Patricia Graw to approve the minutes from September 2019 carried by unanimous vote.

**4. Chair Notes/Announcements/Correspondence:** none

**5. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** Kristin Blood moved to add the nominating committee report to the agenda and remove the header minutes to replace with “Agenda”.

**6. Police Report:** Officer Hopkins and Officer Hickman were present, of which Hickman presented on the provided crime analysis report. Hickman covered the report and took questions regarding foot patrols (definition) and drone (use of). Hopkins answered the drone question posed by Curtis Roberts.

**7. Guest Speaker:** No guest speaker was present. Robert Whitfield sought out suggestions from the group on our current and future community involvement prospects. Robert suggested some kind of involvement with the kids in our community. Patricia Graw stated that we need to establishing what we have now prior to adding on another community project. Curtis Roberts echoed Patricia’s statement. Roger Ballard expressed a desire for a dog park at Fell park. Roger stated that there is money remaining from Home Run dog park and the benefits that are being seen there would be helpful in our area at Fell Park. Robert followed up with a question to Roger about how we could accomplish such a task, to which Roger stated we could follow up with him and demonstrate a desire and support of the idea. Fred asked if this task would require we go to the commission, which Roger confirmed when the time is right. Fall Fest talks began again and Robert mentioned that we need to communicate with all members, helping get better participation. Roger suggested a possible phone tree, being a personal ask to heighten participation. Fred also suggested we could reach out to the Boy Scouts in the area. It was asked about the bags remaining on the side of the road from Highway Clean UP, to which Kristin answered the correct organization is aware of the bags and will handle pick up.

Nov: Roger Ballard      Dec: Joshua Fausey

**8. Committee Reports:** (Comments limited to 3 min per topic)

**a. School:** Patty Poole Gray was present and stated that BCPS passed with a clean audit. She added that a simulation lab at BCCHS for the medical field will be implemented September of 2020.

**b. Code Report:** Eric Morris was present on the provided code report. A home on Willard and Hinnman was discussed, presenting that it was in the hands of the court. Follow up questions followed regarding a house on Althea and Murphy’s.

**c. Food Pantry:** Roger Ballard was present and stated that some of the food has been moved to the clothes closet on Wed for families to choose from. The Food Pantry is looking for shelf stable staples such as rice, canned, dried beans, etc.

**d. Library:** Amanda Paffhausen was present for the library and presented on the Battle Creek Reads book coming up officially in Jan. A Dog Called Hope: A Wounded Warrior and the Service Dog Who Saved Him, by Damien Lewis and Jason Morgan. There will be an author tour that the Library will announce.

**e. Nominating Committee:** Fred Bachman presented a slate of officers to the group of: Chair Kathy Antaya, Vice Chair Kristin Blood and Secretary Roger Ballard. He opened the floor for further nominations, none were received.

**9. New Membership & Renewal:** Fred Bachman and Roger Ballard stated they would like to renew their membership which is coming due in December.

**10. Beautiful Battle Creek Award/Nominations:** 96 Broadway Blvd for decorations and upkeep of property.

**11. Old Business:** none

**12. New Business:** none

**13. Public Service Comments from Commissioners:** Commissioner John Griffin was present and stated there are a variety of ordinances going through tomorrow at the next Commission meeting. He mentioned his visit to the Fall Fest and how he enjoyed it. He mentioned that a house on MI is currently up for beautification at tomorrow's meeting. Robert Whitfield asked about a budget being settled upon, to which Griffin responded no one has talked about budget recently.

**14. Comments for the Good of the Order:** (Comments limited to three (3) minutes per person)

**a. Public Comments:** none

**b. Members Comments:** Patricia Graw stated that Fall Fest was a success, highlighting a young man in a wheelchair that felt included and enjoyed his visit. Fred Bachman mentioned that the funeral home is collecting sweaters for the needy/homeless; other collections locations are Edward Jones and Heritage Cleaners. Roger Ballard reminded us that the dog park is not for children under the age of 10 years old, an alternative splash pad for them at Clyde Evans Park on Washington is in the works. Fred welcomed all to the ULABA pancake dinner taking place on the first Friday of November from 5-8pm, being held at the Laurels of Bedford. The location for this event is changing due to the volunteering cooks already working and knowing the space at the Laurels, being much more convenient for all involved. Robert asked about the money donated to the Fall Fest, ensuring that it was all being used so not to deter the size of future grants for none use. Robert asked if we were going to thank the anonymous donor via a card, it was encouraged by the group for Robert to send one out on behalf of the NPC. Roger updated us about the church going through a roof fix due to a loss of ceiling, which was caused by a tree root, he apologized for any smell we might have noticed. Robert thanked the group for his time leading the NPC and reminded us of Robert's Rules of Order that due to him being ex-chair he will be present to ensure things run appropriately.

**15. Next Meeting: November 11, 2019**

**16. Adjournment: 7:48 PM**

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