

NPC 4 meeting 02-20-19

In attendance:

John-Paul Wilson, Mary Conklin, Thomas Furmatto, Chandra Youngblood, Nathan Grajek, Kelly Dillman, Leah Dodd, Chuck Yarger, Roger Koring, Mary Lusk, Todd Nowicki, Brice Kershen

Kell gave update about Byrne Grant initiative and press release. Spoke about the Historic Northside community listening event with Second Wave Media - On the Ground Battle Creek. Talked about the Press release for the initiative and explained that it lists all grants awarded so far with information on each one. Reported that Officer Kershen is working with the Salvation Army. Talked about the warming center work that was done during the polar vortex at First Congregational Church, along with the police station and others.

Chuck brought up a concern with train horns still being heard in the city despite quiet crossings investments. He thanked Todd for addressing front-yard parking.

John-Paul raised concern of plowing snow from parking lots onto public sidewalks.

Kershen brought crime report. (Info attached?) Less heroin and more meth found in the neighborhood. Working on getting per capita crime data per request. Spending time on McKinley and Sherman to slow traffic. Cherry St. calls are way down. Been working on getting cars towed that are parking on the streets long term during all the snow removal efforts.

Kelly reported that an anonymous donor or donors has pledged to help Temple Beth-El after the vandalism.

John-Paul commented that the historic commission meeting was cancelled this month.

Kershen reminded everyone no cell phone use while driving.

John-Paul - no beautiful Battle Creek recommendations

Chandra reported that they are working on issues of traffic around Fremont school which is very busy around 3pm even before the school reopens. Informed everyone that application for Fremont enrollment open on Monday.

John-Paul said the dog park at Baily is still moving forward.

Kershen submitted information to Annett Chapman of the Battle Creek Community Foundation for the Benjamin Park Plan. Still need a fiduciary for BCCF to transfer \$2500 grant funds to. May use First Congregational Church or another local organization. Kershen also met with Salvation Army regarding their youth program. He will be attending one Wednesday a month. There are about 22 kids in the scout-like program.

Kelly said that New Level Sports also has youth programming involving officers called Junior Citizens Police Academy for 5th-8th graders starting this summer. They hope for it to be a pipeline to the Explorers Program with starts at age 14.

Adjourned. Previous meeting minutes will be approved at a later meeting.