

WESTLAKE/PRAIRIEVIEW NEIGHBOHOOD PLANNING COUNCIL #10
MEETING MINUTES

Lakeview Senior Living, 14661 S. Helmer Road (large meeting room)
Monday, October 28, 2019, 7:00pm

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Chairperson Jeff Koteles called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. Invocation: A moment of silence was observed.
3. Attendance:
Members: Jeff Koteles, Dave Weaver, Donna Kowalski, Karol Henegar, Tom Rose, Ollie Griffin, Donna Jaeger, Mary Jane Cipicic, Joyce Garrett, Diane Cole

City Staff: John Griffin (Ward 1 City Commissioner), Jordan Barrons (BCPD), Carl Fedders (City of BC-DPW), Richard Bolek (City of BC-CBO)

Guests: Dale Goss, Carl Fedders (City of Battle Creek-DPW)
4. Chairperson Notes/Correspondence/Announcements: Jeff announced that if anyone is interested in becoming the new NPC 10 Chairperson or Secretary, please let him know.
5. Additions/deletions to the Agenda: none
6. Approval of prior month NPC 10 Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2019 meeting minutes were approved.
7. Police Report: Larceny, burglary, and break-ins are still the leading crimes. Lock up homes and cars, keep lights on, and shrubs trimmed. Ninety percent of car break-ins are to unlocked cars. Oct 31 is the annual Trunk or Treat at Market Festival Square.
8. Public Service Announcements from Commissioners: The city commissioners voted down the proposal to elect the mayor and vice mayor and going from five to seven wards. There might be a petition to put it on the ballot. It takes three commissioners or a citizen for a petition. John queried the members of NPC 10 on what their preference was for voting for the mayor/vice or not, and going from five to seven wards. The majority indicated they preferred the process to stay "as is", allowing the commissioners to pick the mayor and vice and stay at five wards.
9. City Staff Report: There has been increase in building codes, mostly roofs, probably due in part to the extensive hail damage from the June 1 storm.

10. Committee Reports:

a. Membership: none

b. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: 123 Devonshire Court and 146 N. 28th Street

c. Lakeview School District: The school board has been working on the Annual Emergency Operations Plan. This include policies for things like lock downs, fire drills, loss of life, medical/CPR, medication administration, bomb threats, and chemical/bio threats. LA School Policy was hired by the school district to assist in updating policies. This company ensures local school policies are in sync with state and federal guidance, which changes almost daily.

d. Woodland Park: The sixth Eagle Scout project at Woodland Park is coming to a close and involves new birdhouses. There has been an increase in visitors to the park and web site. Facebook will soon include more photos. Joyce mentioned there is a master plan for the park, approved by the city, that controls expansion efforts.

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business: none

13. Special Presentation: Carl Fedders from the City of Battle Creek attended to review the results of the last traffic study NPC 10 had requested. As a reminder, in 2017, city policy changed to make sure traffic study requests were originated at the NPC level. Three things are necessary for speed bumps arising from a traffic study: 1. the route has to be eligible, 2. speed data has to be collected. The criteria is 85% of vehicles must be traveling at least seven MPH over the posted speed limit, and 3. the people most impacted must be surveyed (public participation) and 70% must concur with the recommendation in an official response. Areas in the study included Honey Lane, Terry Court, W. Highland, S 24th Street and Gethings Road, and LaVista Blvd. None of these areas met the criteria. Mr. Goss' personal surveying indicated that many of the Terry Court residents would support speed bumps, but the city cannot use that data. Mr. Fedders indicated that re-surveying Terry Court will be attempted. He also indicated stop signs are not traffic calming and in fact, and have the opposite effect. Any future complaints will be directed to the NPC to determine if another traffic study should be requested. Unfortunately, traffic patterns typically do not change.

The NPC was also concerned about the pot hole re-surfacing on Hupp Road between 24th and 28th Street. It needs to be fixed.

14. Comments for the Good of the Order: none

15. Adjournment: 8:30pm

16. Next Meeting: November 25, 2019 and no meeting in December

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