

# FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED MEETING

Kearsley Park–Mott Mini-station

February 2014

## MINUTES

9:00 am - Chris Frye (FNU President-2014) opened meeting with the introduction of new and first time representatives or guest.

West Side Community Watch is new to the group.

9:03 am – Monthly Roll Call read off by Chris Frye.

Mr. Raul Garcia (City Blight Coordinator) updated the group on the progress and the 'plan of attack' that will be implemented to forward the work of the Cities of Services program. It is hopeful that a calendar will be formed and presented to FNU soon. Mr. Garcia is also trying to get a location to dump debris from the winter storms that will be of no charge to the community and accessible by all residents.

Kristie Schmiege (Genesee Health Systems) introduced herself and informed the group that her organization would be working to reduce underage drinking and was available to the FNU and the community.

### **ACTION ITEMS UPDATES**

Court Watchers – Kate Cole reported that a number of irregularities were encountered during visitations to the court system and letters were sent out to the State Court Administration, Peter Bade (City Attorney), and James Tolbert (Chief of Police) in an effort to find out who the group should communicate with to help to rectify the situations encountered.

Party Stores - It was reported that an effort is being made to find out what can be done, if anything, to stop stores from blocking the building windows.

Communications – Craig Wolcott reported that the communications team was working on the creation of PSA's for the FNU group and reminded the group to make use of the facebook page by continuing to let others know that it exists.

9:15 am – Motion was made and passed to discuss if the FNU group should take on the management of the FLINT OUR COMMUNITY OUR VOICE paper. Chris Frye (FNU President) then read the printed motion which was passed out to everyone and opened the floor for discussion. Jane Richardson, Raynetta Speed, and Sandra Robinson addressed the group during the discussion by answering questions that were

presented to them. A motion was carried (21 for, 0 oppositions, and 4 abstentions) to take on the management of the paper. Updates will be emailed out to all who signed up to help facilitate the distribution of the paper.

9:55 to 10:20 Break-out sessions for FNU action teams/committees.

**10:30 New action items List.**

- **Blight** – Calendar of events for Cities of Services to be formed. Raul Garcia new numbers 810-834-0834, direct office 237-2090 9am to 2pm.
- **Party stores** – PSA to get the word out to kids about underage drinking to be created with possible help from the Michigan Liquor Control.
- **Court Watchers** – No report.
- **Communications** – Will put out bulletins about FNU's acquisition of the newspaper. Working on other PSA's to the community.

Community Awareness:

City is not responsible for the clearing of snow from neighborhood sidewalks. Businesses are responsible for clearing snow on the properties as well as city residents. Citations can be given to residents who are warned of this infraction. Can contact Mr. Garcia's office if needed.

Master Planning Commission meetings are being scheduled for the coming months. Mr. Slocum will email the FNU members and guests with further information.

Neighborhood groups/associations can add their names to the Nuisance Tasks Force graffiti list for May. Volunteers are needed to help carry out the work that is to be done. Pictures of the graffiti would be a great help as well as the organization of volunteers to do the work for your area.

**MSP Trooper Josh Dirkse** informed the group that the state police would be holding a Michigan Youth Leadership Academy this summer and boys and girls 15 and 16 years old were needed to participate. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, at 6pm, at the Boys and Girls Club.

**Raynetta Speed** informed the group that maps of the Hardest Hit Funds (estimates of time and places to be serviced) are available.

11:00 am - Meeting adjourned by Chris Frye.

**NEXT MEETING, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 9AM MOTT KEARSLEY  
PARK MINI STATION.**

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BLASTED OUT (emailed) TO ALL FNU MEMBERS AND RECEIPIENTS.**