

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED

Kearsley Park – Mott Service Center

April 2014

MINUTES

8:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER - Chris Frye

 MONTHLY ROLL CALL - Donna Calvin

Gary Hicks (Municipal Services Manager) for Republic Services addressed the group with a presentation and update on how Republic is and will be working with the city to handle yard and waist pick up and disposal. He let the group know that he was available to assist with any concerns and provided his card for everyone. The floor was then opened for questions and concerns from the group.

Answers given to concerns are as follows:

1. Trash pickup times may have changed for some neighborhood blocks. To ensure pickup, trash should be out by 7 a.m. on pickup day.
2. Republic will collect trash at parks.
3. Those involved with park clean ups will need to contact Republic to let them know where to pick up trash and debris.
4. Stressed to groups to coordinate their clean ups with scheduled pick up dates in May 'Love your City'.
5. Suggested to link recycling movie to youtube to make it available to local groups and associations.
6. Trash cannot and will not be picked up that is placed in the front yards of abandoned houses.
7. Mail in cards to sign up for recycling and recycling bins are available at Salem Housing.
8. Report piles of rubbish to Raul Garcia (Blight Coordinator).
9. Suggested that residents talk to city council about possibility of obtaining larger, rolling trash bins for trash pickup.

Gary brought donuts to the meeting for everyone.

Craig Wolcott and Councilman Nolden put together a packet (220 copies) that asked the question “How you feel about your Neighborhood” that was blasted out to the FNU group.

‘LIGHT UP YOUR CITY’, an annual community event created to help bridge the gap between the residents of the city of Flint and our local law enforcement will be scheduled for late May (possibly 5/21 or 5/22).

FNU members made aware that approximately one thousand (\$1000) dollars a month would be needed to continue to produce the newspaper (OCOV). It was suggested to solicit 10 advertisers at \$100 for each month. Other suggestions ensued.

Dale Scanlon addressed the group on the need to recreate a community service/parolees program with and for the city. In 2012, Dave Caswell and others met with city attorneys to see how they could be of help. It is now suggested that FNU group members volunteer to involve themselves with a coordinated effort to form a community service program. Supervision would be needed to oversee the work of the parolees assigned to community service duty through the city court systems. Raul Garcia will talk with the assistant city attorney (Angela Wheeler) about the formation of a project/program.

Internet address given out for anyone interested in knowing what the SAFER grant is and how it is operated.

Question asked about the availability of notebooks that were given to FNU members. That will be looked into.

Suggestions were made for possible future FNU meeting places. They are as follows: (1) Flint Public Library, (2) Woodside Church, (3) Habitat for Humanity - \$50 a mo., (4) Saint Michaels - \$75 a mo., (5) North Bank Center, (6) Boys and Girls Club, (7) Asbury Church, (8) Sarvis Center. These possibilities will be looked into.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crime mapping site up and running (cirmemapping.com). City police department on twitter, facebook, and they have a blog.

Final push for formulation of task groups for the City Master Plan. Plan will be implemented. Rolls and responsibilities passed out. Information at (imagineflint.com).

Can contact Officer Meeks for city clean up yard signs.

Hazardous Waste date is June 7th, at corner of Court St and Averill.

REPORT OUTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Blight - Tire buy back has location on Dort Hwy... \$1 per tire, with a \$25 minimum. Begins at 7 a.m. Working on schedule for wood chipper project. Flyer on line with May clean up schedule.

Party Stores - Officer Meeks updated the group on the progress of the coordinated efforts of the state liquor licensing agencies, local party store owners, and the city police dept. to address unlawful issues surrounding party store operations. Updating and enforcement changes to local ordinances and zoning laws are addressed in the new city Masterplan.

Court Watchers - Dale Scanlon attended a trial where the aluminum siding scrapper was found Not Guilty. Anyone interested volunteering to assist with the court watchers can contact Kate Cole.

Communications - Craig Wolcott created and invitational letter and safety tips letter for 'LIGHT UP THE CITY'. Document emailed to members on How neighborhood conditions can affect our health. City basketball ordinances sent to paper for printing in the next issue. Craigs mother helped with advertising sales for the paper, excellent example for others. Notice of upcoming 'LIGHT UP THE CITY' event was blasted out.

FOCOV - Get info./articles to Jane Richardson for paper by May 13th for June circulation. Can email to Jane, any events dated after May 13th and up to June 15th

10:30 Meeting Adjourned

Flint Neighborhoods United is a coalition of block clubs and other neighborhood organizations, associations and crime watch groups that meet the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information email fnucommunications@gmail.com. You can also visit us on facebook.