

Flint Neighborhood United

July 2014

Minutes

9:05                                      Call to order                                      -                                      Chris Frye

1. Minutes from last meeting read and accepted by member body. Roll call sheet passed around for sign-in.
2. New guests were welcomed and asked to give an introduction (Jessica Sanchez, Vinnie Sanchez, and Frances McDonald).
3. Chris informed attendees that FNU would be returning to the original way of doing break-out sessions because waiting until the end of the meeting was not successful. Therefore, break-out sessions will be held during the time we meet.
4. Attendees were reminded that a suggestion box would always be available for all to utilize for any concerns or ideas.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

Court Watchers - Group is in need of volunteers.

Blight – No report.

FOCOV – There is a dire need for the sale of ads to finance the printing of the paper. Contract forms will be available at next meeting. Articles, pictures, and such always welcome and needed.

Party Stores – No report

Communication – Craig Wolcott involved with Light up the City.

5. Chris informed group that the July/Aug paper and distribution sheet were available.
6. Trooper Steve Kramer updated the attendees on the Light up the City project. Many positive feedbacks had been received. Volunteers are always welcome. An informational flyer will be blasted to FNU members.
7. Two more guests to the FNU gave introductions (Beth Stevens and Beverly Davis from the Civic Park Neighborhood Association)
8. Chris Frye introduced the Hon. Judge Beagle who spoke to the group on behalf of the Flint Baseball and Softball Association and a Whaley Park initiative. He gave an overview of his involvement with the Atwood Stadium project, stating that he had been involved with the project for the last 20 years, and has been diligently searching out entities to help raise the money needed to support the project. There are expectations that Kettering University and possibly Powers High School will become involved and extracurricular activities such as soccer, lacrosse, rugby and baseball could be made available to kids. Judge Bagola envisions the recreation of a community culture that

communicates the idea of education and extracurricular activities which is Flint's heritage. He also spoke to the ideas and thoughts of a revitalized Whaley Park that could house baseball and softball tournaments. Statements and questions followed.

10:15 – Chris Frye directed the attendees to break-out sessions.

10:45 – Reconvened

Chris Frye informed the attendees that each sub-committee would give a report at the next meeting.

Jessica Sanchez gave an overview and update of the content that will be made available in the creation of the FNU website.

Donna Calvin informed the group on the progress of the formation of the by-laws and hospitality committees. A brief instruction on how to sign in was also communicated.

Raynetta Speed informed the group that FOCOV was officially self-sufficient. Ads and content for next paper is due by August 13 and inquiries can be directed to Jane Richardson. Feedback will be directed to Sandra Robinson. (Info on business cards may not be able to scan or reprint)

Alex (Palogh) with Kettering University and Consumer Energy presented information about a possible pilot program between local high schools and Consumers Energy to hire students to work as reps for their energy efficiency program.

UPDATES.....

Chris Frye passed out Land Bank flyers to group and let everyone know that young ladies between the ages of 15 and 16 were needed for the Michigan State Police summer program. Apply on-line, info will be blasted out.

Vincent Slocum gave an update on the process being taken by the City to roll out the Master Plan. The City will be hosting workshops in each of the nine wards around town that are intended to get the community feedback on the why and how of addressing the blight and maintenance issues of the City.

Officer Tanya Meeks updated the attendees on the wonderful work of the City of Flint Police department. All events, workshops, and meetings that are scheduled for July will be posted and blasted out to everyone. Everyone encouraged to promote attendance.

Audrey Martini updated the group on the affairs of the Cities of Services project. Two million pounds of trash have been removed, over 17,000 square feet of graffiti was painted over and more than 16 street blocks were effected.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07

