

## FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED SEPTEMBER 2014 MINUTES

Call to order 9:15 a.m.

Guest speaker 9:20 a.m. - Lauri Elbing, Outreach and Events Manager at the Flint River Watershed Coalition, spoke to the group about the healthiness of the Flint River. Flint is #1 for the fishing of small bass in the area. Those interested in experiencing the river as it is today can join with others at the old farmers market every Sunday at 2 p.m., throughout the month of October. "Our water needs the help of the community to bring the river back to its glory days" said Lauri. Corporations are doing their part because of the 'Clean Water Act'. The city is up to standards, but everyone needs to be made aware of our storm drains and good practices, because they run directly into the river. Icons are being painted directly onto storm drains. Those interested in painting projects can contact Lauri directly.

Introduction of new attendees 9:35 a.m.

### REPORT - OUTS

**BLIGHT** - Clarence Campbell reported that Vince Slocum with the City of Flint, would be giving presentations around the city on a 1 ½ year blight elimination plan. Questions about blight can be brought to the group.

**COURT WATCHERS** - No report

**PARTY STORES** - No report

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Craig Wolcott still working with Light Up the City preparing packages for the walk. Next walk to be held around Sept. 24 & 25 in the Civic Park area.

**FOCOV** - Jane Richardson reported 2/3 of the writings for the newspaper were late. Articles for the Nov/Dec paper are due by October 16. Still looking to get grants to sustain paper, while continuing to solicit ads.

### OLD BUSINESS

By-laws to be voted on before end of the year. Copy has been emailed to all who are on the email list. By-laws will be rewritten with updates. Please be prepared to vote by reading over the by-laws before next meeting. One vote per group or organization.

10:25 a.m. BREAK – OUT SESSIONS....Reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Rap up - 1. Radio Patrol program had a good training session the past weekend. 2. Land Bank received 2.6 million dollars to help restore the Civic Park Historic District. A total of 232 blighted homes will be demolished.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:10 a.m.

