

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED OCTOBER MINUTES

Call to order 9:13 a.m. - Chris Frye

Introductions from new attendees.

Roll Call - Donna Calvin

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

- 1. BLIGHT COORDINATOR** Raul Garcia reported that the NSO program and the CDC FUNDS were ending. OPERATION FRESH START, a program that will operate by addressing one property at a time will be in place. Four to six volunteers for each individual project could run this effort. Also, the chipper truck is available by contacting Mr. Garcia
- 2. PARTY STORES - No report**
- 3. COMMUNICATIONS** - The next date for 'Light Up the City' will be announced and emailed when the information is available.
- 4. FOCOV** - Editing meeting scheduled for Friday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Salem Housing.

Amy McMillan from the Genesee County Parks informed the group of the Genesee County Parks millage that will be on the November ballot. A packet of information was passed out to all who were present.

Mark Smith with the Red Cross informed the group of the upcoming outreach and training session that the Red Cross will hold on October 25. All pertinent information will be emailed to members as soon as it is made available.

Chris Frye talked about the need for a strategic plan to be put in place for and by the FNU. Artina Sadler was introduced to the group as the consultant who would organize the efforts of the combined FNU members who will work towards putting a plan in place. A sheet was passed around for volunteering members to sign and the date for the first meeting was set. Volunteers will be contacted for further instruction. MTA volunteered to host the meetings at the downtown bus terminal meeting room.

Craig Wolcott answered questions that members who were present had concerning the revisions of the by-laws. It was suggested to revisit the by-law revisions for a future date.

A committee to nominate new officers for the FNU board was appointed. Committee members are as follows: Carma Lewis, Herbert Pitts, Mr. Lewis, and Clarence Campbell. The committee will meet at Salem Housing on Friday, October 10, at 11:00 a.m.

UPDATES

City of Flint - Vince Slocum informed FNU that 41 groups were chosen to each receive a \$500 dollar grant stipend to take a housing inventory of their neighborhoods. Also, a \$10,000 dollar forestry budget was in place for the Genesee Conservation District. Vince let the group know that the Department of Transportation would be responsible for managing any dead tree issues (766-7343). Work is still going to revise the city zoning codes. Hope is that the revisions will be made presented to the public within the next three months. One hundred pages have been added to the city master plan pertaining to capital improvements and by the end of the year is the date set to adopt these plans. Group informed

that the city can't get involved with vacant privately owned property unless the property is a public nuisance. Members also informed to contact Consumers Energy with any street light problems and issues. Grand Traverse/MSU project is waiting for acquisition of the rail way line from CSX. Bids for the first phase of the Chevy Commons project are being put in place.

Michigan State Police - No report

Party Stores - Officer Tanya Meeks reported that there was concern over the possible transfer of a local license and the opening of new business in the King/Dayton street area. Suggestions have been made to make the area a green space. Conversations with the city council and the city planning commission need to take place concerning zoning and possible rezoning.

Land Bank - Raynetta Speed reminded the group that land and properties were available for adopting, buying, or leasing. Also, because of the demolitions, neighborhoods were looking much better.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ballenger mini station closed. Looking for new building to house station that is rent free. Cost of utilities will be funded.

Task Force meeting will be held October 16. More training dates will be announced for the Citizens Task Patrol.

Five bulletin boards are available throughout the city. A brochure with information from the Art Parade group is on line, and messages can be posted on their website.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:03 a.m.

Flint Neighborhoods United is a coalition of block clubs and 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.

