

Flint Neighborhoods United November 2014 MINUTES

Call to order 9:10

Consultant, Artina Sadler provided the FNU attendees with forms to fill out for the second strategic planning session to be held after the FNU meeting today (11/1 at 11:30).

Introduction of new attendees Woodcoft 1; Civic Park

Roll Call 9:15

ACTION ITEM UPDATES/REPORT-OUTS

BLIGHT - Clarence Campbell reported that leaves are not to be raked into the streets this year. A warning will first be given to residents found raking leaves into the streets and if they are still not in compliance, a fine will be issued. Bags may be available from KGCB for specific types of clearings. Waste bins can be used in place of bags with proper signage. CDBG still has dollars for dumpsters...and the chipper is still available for Saturdays. There will be no tire buy back next May during the spring clean-up, no funds to support the expense.

PARTY STORES - Officer Tanya Meeks urged members, who were not in agreement with the expansion efforts of a local party store, to make their concerns heard by approaching their local neighborhood associations and city council members as soon as possible. Suggesting was made to utilize social media to also help get the word out.

COMMUNICATIONS - Craig Wolcott apologized to the FNU members for the bombardment of emails that they may have received because he was out of town. Carma Lewis reported that the facebook page was running sufficiently with 872 visits. Chris Frye reported that the web page would be up and running by November 15th. The site address is flintneighborhoodsunited.org. A twitter account is also available for access.

FOCOV - Jane Richardson reported that a backup lay-out person for the newspaper was needed..?, anyone interested can see her (Jane). Because of untimely articles and the need for help with the newspaper, the delivery date is behind again this month.

OLD BUSINESS

The second in a series of strategic planning sessions for the FNU group will be held after today's meeting. The first meeting was held on October 25.

The Red Cross Prepared (ness) class is cancelled for today.

Constitution/By-Laws to be discussed at the strategic planning session. It was suggested the By-Laws be suspended until after the discussion.

A MOTION WAS CARRIED AND SUPPORTED TO SUSPEND THE REQUIREMENT OF THE 2/3'S MEMBERSHIP VOTE FOR THE DECEMBER ELECTION. Carma Lewis announced the nominees for the FNU officers. The nominees are as follows: President, Joe King; Vice President, Clarence Campbell; Secretary, Laverne McGowen Treasurer, Mark Baldwin. The floor will be open to volunteer candidates.

10:05a.m. BREAK-OUT SESSIONS....Reconvened at 10:35a.m.

UPDATES

1. CITY OF FLINT - Vince Slocum let the group know that a copy of the newly revised City Ordinances would be available for viewing with the next few months, and that the hope is to have an adoption by the City Council by the end of January or February of 2015. Also, the date will be announced as to when and how the Capital Improvement Plan will be made available to the public for comments and responses.
2. FLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT - Officer Tanya Meeks thanked the Citizens Radio Patrol volunteers for their help during the Halloween festivities. Carma Lewis stated the need for the new police dog, Edo, to have a bullet proof vest. *A MOTION WAS PASSED TO USE "GO FUND ME.COM" TO SECURE THE COST OF THE VEST AND ANY OTHER NEEDS FOR THE POLICE DOG.*
3. CITY BLIGHT OFFICE - Raul Garcia announced that citations for non-compliance with the leaf pickup ordinance will begin on November 10. Also, the chipper will be available until mid-December as weather permits. Call Mr. Garcia's office to schedule a date and time.

MEETING WAS JOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 6, at 9:00 a.m. at WOODSIDE CHURCH (next to the Mott College campus).