

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED

MINUTES – DECEMBER 2014

CALL TO ORDER

9:15 a.m.

A presentation was given by Flint Police Chief James Tolbert regarding the mutual agreement between the City of Flint and Genesee County concerning the 911 police dispatch. The process will begin in January 2015. Ms. Pamela Coleman will help in coordinating the move away from a 911 city dispatch to a Genesee county 911 dispatch. The service will no longer be provided by the city of Flint, which is said to be a savings of maybe 1.5 million dollars for the city. Note that 911 fees (1.1 million) are from taxes and not from millage dollars. The rest is from the General Fund.

A period of time will be open to Flint city employees to be picked up for employment by Genesee County. The new 911 dispatch will be headquartered at the State Police Post in Flint Township.

Chief Tolbert talked about the hope of continuing to get community involvement to run Neighborhood Service Centers. These Neighborhood Service Centers would be funded by grants that entail involvement by residents of the city. The Radio Patrol watches would operate out of each Service Center as neighborhood residents are involved and participate. Block clubs would also be able to hold meetings at the Centers. Meetings will be held in the future to help to get the word out about the Neighborhood Service Centers. The expectation is to also share the information at your neighborhood group meetings.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and the group then voted for the 2015 FNU officers. The new officers are as follows: Joe King – President; Clarence Campbell – Vice President; and Laverne McGowen – Secretary.

ACTION ITEM UPDATES

BLIGHT - Raul Garcia informed the group the City would be using new snow plows for the coming winter season. The plows are very large machines so

vehicles will not be allowed on the streets during snow advisories for more than 4 inches of snow.

PARTY STORES - Officer Meeks informed the FNU of the future move of the party store on MLK/Dayton to across the street in the vacant building. It will be in operation 24 hours.

COMMUNICATIONS - Chris Frye informed the group that he website was up and running. Craig Wolcott let the group know that members must have access to email in order to receive communication from the FNU. Suggestion to have speakers to come prepared with a power point that was on paper was also made by Craig.

FOCOV - Jane Richardson announced that ads for the paper were due by 12/15. It will cost \$986.00 to put the paper out. Anyone using business cards for advertisement will need to design the card themselves or get the card to Chris Frye to be digitized correctly. Article are still needed from the group.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vince Slocum from the City of Flint announced the introduction of Kate Ross and Adam Slater as the new Vista volunteers who would be helping in the city departments for the next year. He also passed out an executive summary of the capital improvements plan for the City. Meetings are scheduled for city residents input. Vince also stated that a copy of the new zoning codes would be available soon.

Carma Lewis and Officer Meeks let the group know that \$2486.24 was collected from the online fund raiser for Edo the police dog. The vest for Edo will cost \$1135.00 plus shipping and handling. There will be a press conference.

Officer Meeks let the group know that a location was needed within the 2nd ward to serve as a pilot for part 3 of the service project. It must be handicap accessible and have adequate parking for large groups. Updated information on neighborhood block clubs in the area is also needed.

NEXT MEETING IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH AT WOODSIDE CHURCH ON COURT STREET (across from Mott College).

