

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED
MINUTES – JANUARY 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by Joe King.

New members: Nayyirah Shariff, Annie Nicholls, Ashley Mosley, Ken O'Dell.

Joe King thanked the group for election as President, he indicated that it is an honor to serve. Other officers introduced, Vice President, Clarence Campbell, Secretary, La Verne McGowan.

Old Business:

Update of Strategic Plan for FNU from Chris Frye. There have been 4 meetings, there will be two more meetings to complete. Next meeting on 1/24/15, 9:00am, at Salem Housing.

Constitution and Bylaws - Vote held by written ballot, 2/3's majority approved the Constitution and Bylaws. One no vote.

Action item updates:

Blight: R. Garcia reported that new people in February will operate the Snow Plow Tractors: they are wider and people will need to have their cars off the street. The city will tow cars on the street without notice. There are 8 tractors that are being paid for by the hour. Mr. Garcia will get a notice out to the FOV paper. The tractors will plow the main roads first, secondary bus routes and the residential areas, it will be a rotating schedule.

Party Stores: No report

Communication: Web Site, anything that comes to FNUcommunications@gmail.com. Facebook - Jessica has volunteered to help Carman. Document section - How to run a meeting, coming soon - will get rid of unless it's an issue.

Flint Our Voice - Paper back by Wednesday, March and April's edition due by February 15, 2015. C. Frye reported that distribution is going good.

Water Issues: Some emotional on the issues, it was suggested that we have 3 people to be involved. Chris Zuwala - group questions we need to ask about the water. Went to meeting 60 people attended on the water. Alternative to Detroit water, if there is federal money to help with water quality. J. King: Everyone needs a chance to speak, respect each other and a time limit. Meetings on the water are scheduled: 2-2-15, Bethel United Methodist Church, 9am – 11am, and 2-23-15, Woodside Church, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. Discussion on water rates being the highest in the county and state. The quality of it, punishment, some not able to get water exemption. J. King is working on committee on water; he stated that there are infrastructure problems. Donna Calvin: volunteered to attend the scheduled meetings on the water and will represent our group Tuesday 1-13-15 at Antioch Baptist Church, Town Hall meeting at 6:00 PM. Howard Croft will attend our next meeting in February to talk on the water issue. Aaron Dionne

made a motion that we send a representative to the meeting on Tuesday and other meeting to represent FNU. It was seconded by Mark Baldwin, the motion was passed.

May Clean-up will go forward. R. Garcia: Code Enforcement staff will run the Service Centers; there will be four of them. They will give tickets to individuals to bring their property up to code. Snow on sidewalks and are close to schools, must be cleared. Mr. Garcia and his staff will work with Land Bank to shovel. Residents and businesses are responsible for the snow on their sidewalks to ensure the safety of the children.

Flint Police: Tanya Meeks

Block Club questionnaire handed out and updated by members. The Dog Vest has been ordered for the Police Dog. The Dort Hwy. Service Center will be open soon, there is a need for volunteers. The police have new uniforms that are coming. Online: Take pictures of items in your home and the serial numbers. Officer Meeks talked about stolen items, pawn shops might not know items are stolen. There is Chaplin Training available through the department. Citizen's Radio Patrol is being worked on, she indicated that there has been a decrease in homicides.

Announcements:

Mark Baldwin announced on 1-17-15 MLK work day on Concord St., the Mayor will attend. They will board up houses and wants help, it will be ongoing. Meeting on Monday at Cafe Rhema Coffee Shop at 4:00pm, an open mike, public readings from Dr. King. Monday, 1-19-15 at 1:00pm at Calvary United Church a walk.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Respectfully submitted by LaVerne McGowan