

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2015

9:00 Call to Order, Joe King

1. Minutes from last meeting read and accepted by membership, roll call sheet passed around for signatures.
2. New guests: Bill Hammon, Deb Hamilton, Edible Flint, Carrie Edwards, Lt. Cochran, Flint Fire Dept.
3. Updates: J. King stressed to membership the need to fill out forms to work together on the issue of water solution / problems in your neighborhood.
C. Campbell is the Chair of Neighborhood Engagement Hub.
Get multiple tool sheds in the community. The group will be involved to help with issues. They want to make Flint strong, use of information to accomplish this goal.
J. King will appoint Mark Baldwin as Treasurer, account will be at Chemical Bank. Since last meeting the group has a DBA to file for grants.
4. Application for a small grant - Craig Wolcott, Chris Frye and Joe King. We need grants for expenses of the newspaper and other items.
Blight: C. Campbell: How many have seen the big green tractor? It is getting to the side streets, multiple times.
Party Stores: No report
Communication: Craig Wolcott is working on links to neighborhood groups. The agenda is on the website. J. Richardson - need due dates for the newspaper. Neighborhood maps that were on the website are inaccurate. Ads for the newspaper are due on the 16th for March and April. Chris Frye stated that things that are going on in the neighborhood, let someone know for the web.
5. Councilman Davis and VanBuren were acknowledged.
6. Ms. Edwards from the Fire Department stated that their department is willing to come to your group and speak on Fire Safety, Arson, and safety tips. She stated that their phone number is 762-7336 and they have a website. It was asked when the smoke house is available, it will need to be scheduled after a request. The charge is 179.00 on the weekend for two hours. There is no charge during the week from 8-5 from September to November. Lt. Cochran was present and indicated that he would let Craig know when it is available, so the association would have that information.
7. Councilwoman VanBuren stated that staffing is being evaluated by consultants for the Police and Firefighters. The firefighters are under 70. She thanked the groups for Devil's Night, it made a difference in the city.
Smoke detectors are available at the Fire Dept.
8. Deb Hamilton - Edible Flint, there is gardening training , applications available March 1st.
Neighborhood Engagement, food available to neighborhoods.

9. W. Davis, Ward 5

He stated that the city has 2 million dollars for the water and the finance committee asked for improvements. The TTHM will go back up in April, May, June. He stated that the EM sold the pipeline that was connecting Flint to Detroit. He stated that the infrastructure need to be fixed, but isn't sure when that will take place.

10. Officer Meeks discussed the burnt party store on MLK, no details, an investigation is going on. The move of this party store to Rite Aid has been approved. If it is a concern write letters to Officer Meeks. Discussed the party store being close to a church, but it is excluded if on a main street.

Lt. Cochran stated that this store will be put on the demo list. He stated that the rule is that the church must sign off, if it is close.

11. J. King stated that we might have a new committee on the water.

12. C. Campbell wants water as a committee.

13. Carma stated that we will do the same thing as other groups, we can work with other groups.

J. King stated that we will have Donna report on water issues.

C. Frye stated that we can't solve the water problems.

Master Plan: Vince stated that the Capital Improvement Plan has been approved. Moving project forward, city is in process of 2015-2016 Action Plan - block grants, there will be 2 public meetings (February 23 and February 26).

Flint Police Officer Meeks - If anyone knows residents of Atherton Terrace, want involvement in block clubs. On 2/26/15 at 5:00pm the Community Room. The dog vest is ordered, no update.

Service Center is ready to open on Dort Highway, after the computers are set up.

The Police Chief wants dogs for all shifts; Edo (the only dog so far) works second shift.

Lt. Cochran stated that if party stores have trash and debris, call the fire department to inspect for violations.

Cross Training issue - only the chief can answer that question.

Land Bank - Absent

Strategic Planning - Audrey Martinez. Meeting Saturday 2/21/15 9:00 at Salem Housing. City of Service is completed for 2014, no funding for 2015. Dumpster will be available in June.

Break Out Meetings:

J. King established an ad hoc committee on the water: D. Calvin, C. Campbell, C. Zkuella, Carma Lewis. This committee is to get information on the water issue and report back to the full body.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07am.