

## Flint Neighborhoods United

Minutes - May 2015

9:15 Meeting called to order – Joe King

### Welcome Guests

AmeriCorps - community service group that works with non-profits  
Kay Schwartz – Flint Public Library

### Guest Speaker

1. Kay Schwartz – Flint Public Library, gave a review on the planning processes going on at the library. The new and immediate future plans will entail upgrading technology and creativity. The library will partner with the Genesee Literacy Coalition in reaching out to the community. More meeting areas will be made available in the building. Transformation Snapshot Brochures were handed out with details of the new plans. Starting in June, Story Corp (a public radio program) will be available to patrons of the library. Details of the program are available at [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org) and the Flint Public Library.
2. Theresa Roach – Crim Fitness Foundation, informed the audience of the training programs available through the Crim festival of races and the dates and costs. Volunteer opportunities are always available.

Chris Frye appointed Treasurer of Flint Neighborhoods United by President, Joe King.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED IN THE CIVIC PARK AREA CLEAN UP LAST WEEKEND.

110 homes were boarded up and two (40 yard dumpsters were filled) and a third in the Ballenger square area.

9:40 No break-outs, round table discussion called by Joe King. Question, “How to better help each other?” Suggestions follow:

1. Review what has been done and what is going to happen next (what socioeconomics are available to best serve Flint).
2. Major recruiting needed to grow our organization (with younger people).

3. Utilization of the website, facebook page, and emailing to get the word out to others and keep up with communications.
4. What can neighborhoods do to cease dumping in their areas?
  - a. Video tape actions of people dumping and post to facebook.
  - b. Educate the community.
  - c. Help to enforce city ordinances.

Raul Garcia and Mark Baldwin (810 259-1358) can also be contacted about information on obtaining a dumpster for clean ups. Must have two week prior notice.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sheets of (4x8) boards available for Land Bank properties.
2. May is Love Your City month.
3. \$538.00 needed to support the next FOCOV newspaper circulation.
4. Oasis Team available to fill water tanks for groups.
5. Michigan State Police – Officer Kramer - Next Light up your city scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Atherton East Apartments.
6. Flint Fire Department – Lt. Cochran
  - a. Be mindful of dumpsters and the possibilities of fire.
  - b. Speaking engagements still available.
  - c. Arson awareness tip line (anonymous) available.
7. Habitat for Humanities – Vince Slocum – Homeowner occupied rehab program (repair) is in process. Applications available by contacting Juan Zuniga at [j.zuniga@geneseehabitai.org](mailto:j.zuniga@geneseehabitai.org) or (810) 766-9089 ext. 206.
8. Flint Police Department – Officer Meeks –
  - a. Signs for May clean up month are available.
  - b. Residential recycle bins (blue) are available at the Neighborhood Engagement Hub – Thursday, May 7 from 9a.m. til 12.
  - c. Service Center to open at Dort and Atherton soon. Need volunteers to answer phones.
  - d. Liquor license not to be transferred to new party store location on north side. Beer and wine license can be transferred within the time limit of one year to rebuild.

NEXT MEETING JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, WOODSIDE CHURCH  
Adjournment 11:00 a.m.