

FLINT NEIGHBORHOODS UNITED  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2015

The meeting was called to order by Joe King, he welcomed everyone back, after summer break.

Guests: Wendy Daly, Department of Public Works, City of Flint  
Heidi Phanf, Charter Commission  
Kay Schwartz, Flint Public Library

Wendy Daly stated that the 50/50 sidewalk repair program is back and it cost 80 dollars a square. Problem spotter, can put in problems that need to be addressed. Lights out, etc. Tree stumps will be ground down soon by city contractors.

Dumping? What to do, if you can get license or a picture of it, call the blight coordinator, Raul Garcia. Chris Frye stated that neighbors should help clean up blight. The Citizens Radio Patrol, last night, saw a dumper behind the old K-mart; got pictures license plates to turn in to the police.

Wendy Daly: blocking streets off is available to groups. She stated that a traffic study was in process for Sunset Dr.

Question on dumping of industrial products on Harriet St. Group had a cleanup in May, today it is worse. Someone suggested cameras to deter the dumping. In the new budget, illegal dumpers will get a \$500 fine, if there is non-payment, they will get their license suspended.

Heidi Phanf, Charter commission: First public meeting, to get public input from residents. Shared vision of government, citizens involvement. Constitution of the city. The meetings are in October.

Kay Schwartz spoke about the Library Millage on November 3rd. Services available at the library: launch pad for children, books, Playaway bookpacs, computer classes, story corps\_Flint voices. Jane Richardson did story at the library. Millage is from 2015 to 2021; a \$50,000 house would pay \$15 a year.

Herb Pitts talked about the Neighborhood Engagement Tool Shed, he discussed drivers training for large equipment. He stated that vacant lots are different due to holes, glass and other obstacles. To keep the equipment in working order, people need to walk the lot and assess the situation, before the cut.

Gloria from the Ballenger Square Neighborhood Association: She thanked Raul Garcia for help in boarding up houses. The block club will have Sandra Branch and live murals on 9/27/15 at Welch and Chevrolet. They will have voter registration, refreshments, and a bounce house.

Sandra Branch, Avon/Kearsley: Had graffiti artist that helped with murals, along with neighbors. She discussed the 50,000 abandoned properties in Genesee County. Seeking spray paint donations at Christ Enrichment Center on Hamilton and Oren.

Columbie Heights had a garden, shared with neighbors. Clarences group (Vernon and Dakota) had a cleanup. Leith and Lewis, bike trail, clean up. Brennan Park on October 17th or 24th, clean up playscape.

Craig Wolcott: might get donation for refreshments on the first of December and to pay for post office box from September to December. He stated that to get information, contact [fnucommunications@gmail.com](mailto:fnucommunications@gmail.com), or go to [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). The event calendar links everything up to date.

Glendale Hills Neighborhood Association had a cleanup this summer.

Joe King: things coming up at Hasselbring Community Center on 9/23-24/15. A drum line on 9/24 and a block party.

Chris Frye: CBC recycling a cleanup.

Jane Richardson: Ads and articles are due by the 27th.

Joe King asked should the group go in a different direction? The sub groups, communications, blight, and party stores.

Craig Wolcott wanted issue brought to the table. Others felt the party store group was effective, with singles, loitering.

Joe King: we need to find ways to help but we can't be the police.

Host/service center, will be the service workers. East Side is trying to get a center. There are two centers in the city, Dort Mall and Kettering. The church on the East side wants a center.

Report from fire department: September is a busy month, on 9/19, there will be a outreach at the Red Cross. Smoke detectors installed in the neighborhood, pass out information. October is Fire prevention Month. October 10th Smoke detector pass out.

Vince from Habitat for Humanity: The home repair program is funded for one year.

New Business: Sponsors for the newspaper, also needed are articles and ads, see Jane Richardson.

Meeting adjourned; next meeting October 3, 2015.