

Flint Neighborhoods United
Saturday, March 5, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:02
Welcome Introductions

Speakers

Republic

Survey of citizen review. Republic will provide a route on Wednesdays will collect the blight. These efforts will not be separate from the regular clean-up. Dumping clean-ups can call for a special pick-up so let people know so they can stop dumping since this will be coordinated with the Blight Department. Yard waste cannot be collected until the third of April. Contact Republic at 810 768-2218 or cell 810 691-2993. Joel 810 337- 2090.

Hurb Pitts – NEH

Announcing the hub plans. Will help with the community clean-up plans so the project will be successful. Hurb will plan for the tools; the number of people needed for success; the roles needed for success; etc. He can be reached at 810 620-1299, he will work Saturdays and will even work during the community clean-up. There is gardening equipment and more are planned for people who are working with Hoop Houses. Zero Turn training classes will be available they will be scheduled for when the weather changes. People can sign-up at the number above. People who know how to drive a Zero Turn must take the classes based on our rules and specification. Those who have taken the class before won't have to retake the class but must demonstrate proficiency. Currently it cost \$25 to use the Zero Turn and some of the other motorized equipment.

Joel Arnold – Neighborhood Improvement

Resources for community efforts are available from Genesee County, LandBank and Republic Services at no cost. An application and information about the process for use by community organizations but is not available for personal home improvement. Once a dumpster is supplied to maximize the resources groups are asked to clean both sides of the block. Support organizations need two week notice. The application s or online at Cityofflint.com Go to online services to register for help from LandBank crews with very large cleans after May 1st. Two weeks notice required. A flyer that gives information about the available resources is on the city website as well. It is important that people who use the dumpsters refrain from filling above the fill line because Republic Services cannot take them. On the application this and other rules for proper use. Heather Griffith at hgriffin@cityofflint.com can be called to get information or have questions answers. Doyle Ryder is hoping to get mulch for their garden project.

Karen West – Keep Genesee County Beautiful

Reviewed the large number of support opportunities that will be available after April 1st community groups. Due to reduced staffing two-week notice required and pick-up is on Thursday between 10:00am and 6:00 pm. Some of the many resources yard waste bags, big and smaller plastic bags; gloves (that have to be returned); grabbers /stabbers (not good to be given to young children that cost \$25 if lost). Recommendations, when cleaning have containers for hazardous waste. Suggestion - involve children so they have more respect for the community. Contact at kwest@kgcb.net. Or (810)767-9696. Groups can sign-up for clean-up that take multiple days. People who want to purchase grabbers for personal use can purchase them at the home improvement stores. Metal grabbers are the better choice. Home Depot has them for \$20.

Corey Archambault - Genesee County Habitat for Humanity

Introduced their efforts for the neighborhood groups on the northwest side of town because of the regulations. Habitat can be contacted for information about how to accomplish the projects outside of these areas although they have these restrictions. They can also give resource information. Encouraged using environmental practices to prevent crime; using teams so people only cleaned up for about two hours; and make sure all equipment is available on time. Colleges have resources and people who will volunteer because they have to do service work. Corey can be contacted at 810 766- 9089 or carchambault@geneseehabitat.org. Flint Brand is still available for groups who have projects and there is up to \$10,000 financial support. Critical care for specific areas are available through Habitat for Humanity.

Jane Richardson - Edible Flint

Released application for garden kit of 40 transplants and there is opportunities for additional flowers and plants through the NEH.

Carma Lewis - Communications

Asking for suggestion to help change the culture in city council resulting in disrespect between the councilpersons and the public. The new charter has statements regarding the council. Maybe the councilpersons can discipline their peers. Suggestion - A letter could be sent to the council and if that does not work a petition could be signed with the threat of losing votes. Also councilpeople can be contact directly by their constituents.

Tonya Burns - (810) 919-5885 or 744-2380 Business Owner (ADT dealer). Donated alarm systems for all Habitat Humanities homes. Has a building in Down Town Flint. Running for 6th Ward council representatives. Concerned with the problems she and her family endured during the water crisis.

Chief Ray Barton - Flint Fire Department

Has hired 33 new people. Some EMT's and many without any prior fire fighting skills. Most are from the Flint Area. They will be trained and in the stations by June. Also have thermal imaging cameras.

Raynetta Speed - Genesee County LandBank

Demolition is moving on. Applications for Clean and Green is closed and clean up will begin shortly.

Officer Urbina - Flint Police Department - There is another officer for the University Corridor. Local Businesses have signed on to work with the police departments by mounting real-time live cameras so the activities can be seen if there is criminal activities. Volunteer patrol members will graduate March 6. and will go out with officers while some will work in the station. Police is low on numbers but get help from the Michigan State Police. If a car has been tagged in a yard the car can be towed after 10 days if the car is in the street it will be towed in 24 hours.

Heidi Phaneuf - Charter Commission -

Much of the information from citizen input has been incorporated into the charter. Latest changes will be on the website probably after the Monday changes. City council has been participating through a committee to provide input. People can still comment at the meetings. The regular time for meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 5:00pm at city hall. Members want to attend community meeting and will come if groups sign-up. Presentation at city council was cancelled. Major changes are available for review. The charter is scheduled to be on the ballot at the next mayoral election. Charter will go to the state for review.

Joel Arnold - Master Plan – Consumers Energy is sponsoring a remediation meeting, Mar 9, 6 – 8:00pm, () City street lights can be reported on the city website. Go to online services to report any outages which are the responsibility of Consumers Energy. We pay even if the light is not on. To identify the location have an address or cross streets so the city can locate the lights. The number on the pole identifies the street light also.

Flint Public Library - Kay Schwartz and Michael Madden

New program guide available by email or on the website. It has all programming. Reminder, free books for children birth to age 5. Online registration is available. Eighteen hundred children signed up. Tuesday, March 7, 5:30 Flint Area Public Affairs Forum will recap the support for beating lead crisis and may include the Kerogonni also. Still doing taxes, March 18 and 25. Mind craft is at the library. Publication - book pages reviews books. Free music is available to download 3 hours a day of music or 3 songs to keep. People can choose what they like. Free ebooks or audio books can be downloaded. Next month free contact with expert will be available.

Chris Frye - Flint Our Community Our Voice

Articles for the newspaper should be sent by March 15. The paper is available on Facebook. Members can share on FNU Facebook page and it will go to the public.

Tryphena Clark – Ruth Mott Foundation

Leadership award post card nomination due before March 17. Leadership Award application and calendar of events are available at ruthmottfoundation.org. Volunteers are needed also. Onsite programming and opportunities available for groups at Applewood.

Flint Soup

Event - March 30 at 5:30pm – 7:30 pm at Factory Two, 120 N. Grand Traverse St. ;
Event information available at <https://www.facebook.com/FlintSOUP>

Art Parade – no update. Will meet next week to prepare. Final decision could be made by next month. Next meeting, March 9, at Walmart in Grand Blanc. Call 810-820-0275 for time.

Next meeting

April 1, 9:00 am, Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.