

Flint Neighborhoods United

May 6, 2017

Called to order - 9:10

Introductions

Speakers:

**Lynn Wilson:** Communities Foundation - Funding is still available for first level up to 1000 short term small the and next level up to 5000. Engagement with residents must be shown and statistics showing the need is required so engagement, research and outcome. Three transformational grants of up to \$25000 that take a blighted space to a transform the area - examples for the 5000 and 25000 grants the group needs to partner with a non-profit with a tax exempt status Applications accepted on a rolling basis but by mid June the funding will probably be exhausted 810 767-8304 or lwilliams@cfgf.org.

**Essense Wilson:** - Communities first. Regarding the implementation of place making training. Helping to make sure the projects meet the requirements to Application comes out next week and will work with 3 to 5 groups to support or work with organizations to apply for grant opportunities. On the Facebook page. Example - block party. Also, cultural events list is on the Facebook page as well. Next Saturday an event called a taste of Culture, May 13, 2017 10am - 2pm.

**Mayor Weaver:** - Regarding the leans on homes because of the water bills. This is not a new action this is a state ordinance since 1964. People are given an 8 month notice and additional 2 years before the action will be implemented. The law will be broken if this action is not taken. Working with GCARD to get relief for people who are not financially able to meet this need. Next week there will be information about the construction crews out replacing the service lines on the cities' website. Reminding people to continue using the filters during the construction. People need to sign for the replacements so 6000 can be done this year. The people need to have an active account to have their line replaced even if they still have outstanding bills.

**Suzanne Wilcox** - The Mayor's Beautification Award is a two prong activity: for Residents of the city of Flint who clean their area and nominees will be awarded based on three criteria Attractive, Admirable, and Adorable Homes. Nomination forms are available at the mayor's office and must be submitted by the end of the month. 810-2372015 Skyler Davis 810-766-7426 ext 3001, Saginaw St., MLK street adoption - have resident's organizations to adopt portions of these streets to keep them clean. Mowed decorated trimmed, Saginaw- Carpenter to Hemphill, MLK Saginaw to \_\_\_\_\_. Groups are encouraged to provide their tools and lawnmowers. Looking forward to this expanding to other streets June 17 will be a city wide clean-up day. Community celebration on the back lawn of city hall Clean-up 9 - 1 celebration judging period June 5 concluding in Friday Sept 15. Looking for identify the city of flint flower. Asking for youth up to age 24 to submit works of art or essays. Send to Skyler Davis. For ongoing clean-ups the debris will be pick-up by calling Joel Arnold or call Republic 237-2015 S.wilcox@cityofflint.com

Greg Harmon

**Roberta Ray** Mott Park Blight Squad - Dupont to the Flint River, Flushing Rd to University Drive. Used social media to get volunteers and suggestions for clean-up needs. Residents adopt the refurbished homes. Fifteen houses were boarded up, 20 house projects have been completed. Mott park annual clean-up will be next week. Kettering students have helped. Seeking more volunteers to help the 5

**Joe Shingledecker** - Security patrols are being run throughout the night and identify the houses that are problematic. Solar lights have been donated by Kettering that are connected smart phones that can be used to alert police. Hoping this will be expanded across the city. Squatters are removed by finding out the owner; getting permission to remove the people; call the police to have them removed and board up the house. Squatters are provided information about help and donations to assist the transition. Joliet St clean-up next week. A clean-up resulted in a new business coming in; another clean-up resulted in another business inquiry. To Mott park blight squad Facebook page can be used to contact to volunteer.

**Chief of Police;** Thank you for the millage support that means we can fight crime in the city. Many homeless are coming in from out of state. from 400 to 100 officers. They are arresting at 85%. Money is a challenge. We are working as hard as we can with what we have. Changes have occurred. Movement of every car can be monitored if they are near the car. 911 is run by the county. Sometimes the lack of response is due to the 911 system not transferring information. Chief's number for calls and text 810 5156184. Money for what the department needs is solicited from other entities since the city is not able to provide the funding. State Police - have not been patrolling for the last 6 month. Flint Police is patrolling the city. Four to five raids are occurring per day. Reserve officers - over 20 people in the first class and another class is in the works. They are working festivals and it is working. Still looking for volunteer of all ages. They ride with full-time officers and can help to make arrests. Will not be alone in neighborhood patrols and will not have full police power. Will complaint hours at the police department be longer. Yes if there are more volunteers. Over 15 new have been hired and 5 are graduating to replace 5 who are retiring. Ten more officers would be a significant difference.

Updates and announcements

**Raynetta Speed** - Genesee County Landbank. Weed and trash abatement team will be out in areas. The mowing schedule is on line and denotes the vacant properties in that area. Clean and Green is operating.

**Charter Commission** - proposal will be on the ballet. Thursday May 11 at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist questions and answer opportunity.

**Dianna** Flint Public Library Book an Expert program Started April 1st. using technology. 30 minutes long. One on one with a tutor.

**Kay Schwartz** - Free books for Flint children from birth to age. Parents can sign up so their children can work with the curriculum that is a part of the to be flintkidsread.org

**Chris Frye** - Flint Community Players will present 9 to 5

First Zero Turn classes will be held May 8, 9 - 1:00

**City of Flint Fire Department** - Steve Cobb ,38 trainee have been hired and are in training, 70 to 75% trained and when completed will be able to open Fire Station 8 on Atherton Rd. Looking for money to get the equipment the new hires will need.

Garden Kits and plants are available for purchase. Order forms are available and the funds will be

Habitat for Humanity Shower head filters can be obtained from Habitat, call 766 9089 ext. 213 repurposed Latex paint can be purchased from there.

Kate - International Center of Greater Flint - Address needs of the international people

May still loves your city month.

May 20 clean-up from 10 to 1207 No Ballenger.

Leadership training May 30 at Doyle Ryder 6:30 to 7:30. Looking for groups to get involved in civic engagement. email sforeman@crim.org.

A map that shows caring for the properties in the city will be on the FNU website.

Raul Garcia - This week a group is coming from Triple C to work with Blight elimination to board up 200-300 houses and improve the looks of the properties.

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