

Flint Neighborhoods United

February 3, 2018

9:30am Call to Order

9:35am Election of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

- Chris Frye motioned to vote by acclamation; Bill Hammond seconded
- Chris Zuwala (Vice President), Chris Frye (Treasurer) and Corey Archambault (Secretary) were elected by acclamation
- Donna Calvin was appointed Recording Secretary
 - Recording Secretary supports FNU correspondence and advocacy

9:35am Comments, Concerns & Announcements

- Comments
 - Many attendees shared about community education programs held at every Flint Community School, including community partner meetings, mindfulness, and walkability. For more information about community education initiatives, contact Crim or your local FCS school.
 - Metawanenee Hills Neighborhood Association recently started a quarterly newsletter and has installed three new gateway signs in their neighborhood. Like them on Facebook to learn more about their activities.
 - More information was requested to learn about the CATT eye project
 - Flint Police Department's program allowing for private cameras to be monitored by the FPD's new intel office
 - Businesses are voluntarily able to participate
 - Residences may also be able to participate soon (only certain home cameras so as to protect privacy)
 - There is a fee associated
 - Contact Flint Police Department for more information. (810) 237-6801
- Concerns
 - Gas stations have become hotspots for crime
 - Emmanuel Taylor and Officer Edwards noted locations and will share information with the appropriate officers
 - Potholes are a common road hazard
 - Report potholes on city roads by calling City of Flint at (810) 766-7343 or the Blight Elimination office at (810) 766-2090
 - Report potholes on state-owned roads by calling MDOT at (888)-296-4546
 - Potholes that are caused by Consumer's Energy can be reported by calling Kyle McCree at (810) 760-3447
 - Dangerous pets are on the loose following a mauling incident
 - Officer Edwards assured residents that the Flint Police Department is aware of the situation and working with Animal Control
- Announcements
 - As you distribute Flint Our Community Our Voice newspapers to various locations, be sure to report the quantity and locations of delivery. For a form to log your information, contact fnucommunications@gmail.com or visit the Neighborhood Engagement Hub. The form can also be found under "forms" at www.flintneighborhoodsuned.com.

- Reminder that the publishing deadline for Flint Our Community Our Voice is the 15th of every month
- A newspapers forum will be held February 15th at Neighborhood Engagement Hub to discuss audiences, delivery, types of information shared and identify gaps in material from various local newspapers
- Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a resident leadership workshop series on Mondays, February 26 through March 26, 6-8pm at Habitat for Humanity. More information can be found at www.geneseehabitat.org/voice-of-women or by calling (810) 766-9089 ext. 209
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub will be hosting a resident roundtable February 7th, 6-7:30 at Neighborhood Engagement Hub
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub will be hosting a resident leadership series Wednesdays in March from 5:30-8:30pm at Neighborhood Engagement Hub. For more information, call (810) 620-1299 ext. 2 or visit the Neighborhood Engagement Hub
- National Kidney Foundation of Michigan has funding available for Reggie's Rainbow, a veggie program for young kids. The program is funded out of NKF's Ann Arbor office and is free for Flint organizations to host
- City of Flint's deadline for CDBG applications was January 31st. There were many first time applicants! The applications are made public (without budget information) and can be viewed by visiting City Hall.
- The Flint Public Library has many programs available throughout February for African American History Month. Be sure to stop by and participate!
- Flint Public Library offers low-to-moderate income residents tax preparation help on Saturdays through the United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- Flint Fire Department was awarded CDBG funding for a new fire truck
- The Community Foundation of Greater Flint will be hosting Connect the Blocks on Saturday, April 14th, 11am-3pm at IINN (Saginaw & Hemphill)
- The Community Foundation of Greater Flint will release the application for the Neighborhood Small Grants program early March. There are some changes from past applications.
- A decision for the HUD Choice Neighborhoods program has yet to be reached. Please keep up social media efforts using the hashtag #MyChoicelsFlint
- Many housing development projects will be coming to the downtown area. These will include mixed income housing opportunities for residents.
- Michigan State Police is hiring
- Light Up the City events will be held throughout the City of Flint again in 2018. Details to be announced at a later time.
- City of Flint will be providing resources for neighborhood cleanups. Contact Andy Brown at (810) 237-2090 or asbrown@cityofflint.com to learn how you can help eliminate blight in your community.

10:23am Speaker: Emanuel Taylor, CompStat Presentation

- Emanuel Taylor works with the Flint Police Department and Ruth Mott Foundation to provide community members with crime statistics for Wards 1-6. Data is compiled from police reports, not 9-1-1 calls or unreported incidents, so the information shared may not fully reflect the crime that happens in Flint. It is important to report all incidents and call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency
- A report was shared detailing crime that happened city-wide over two weeks in January

- If you are selling an item online (e.g. Craig's List), you may meet up with the purchaser at the Flint Police Department for the transaction. Lobby hours are 9-5.
- Emanuel Taylor took note of hotspots shared by residents and will share information with the Flint Police Department
- To learn more about crime in your area, contact etwaynestate@gmail.com
 - If you live in Wards 7-9, you are encouraged to reach out to your Neighborhood Service Officer to learn about crime trends. To find out who your NSO is, contact Sgt. Meeks at (810) 237-6802

11:02am Speaker: Arcadis, Water Crisis Recovery Presentation

- Arcadis was hired by the City of Flint in September 2016 to evaluate water distribution practices
- They have provided increased monitoring, standard operating procedures (available at MDEQ's website), recommendations for system optimization (e.g. flushing pipes), sustainability practices, and corrosion testing
- Have determined that city pipes are well-organized to reroute delivery in the event of a water main break
- A full report will be available end of March/early April
- Be sure to flush lines once they have been replaced to clear any loose particles

11:20am 50/50 drawing

11:30am Adjournment

Next Meeting:

March 3, 2018

9:30-11:30am

Flint Public Library

Please note that comments, concerns and announcements will be shared beginning at 9:30am