

Flint Neighborhoods United

August 4, 2018

9:32am Call to Order & Introductions

9:40am Resident Comments, Concerns & Announcements

- West Flint Community Watch shared that Keep Genesee County Beautiful was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Lowe's to resurface the basketball court and install new hoops at Sargenson Park. Sargenson park also provides Meet up & Eat up opportunities
- King PLUS shared that the MLK Peace Garden (corner of MLK & McClellan) is full of flowers, making it a great site to take photos and hold meetings. Story time is held Tuesday afternoons.
- West Flint Community Watch shared about their efforts eliminating blight, cleaning up litter and maintaining flower barrels along Corunna road.
- A concern was raised about mattress dumping and bed bugs
 - Recommended that residents reach out to City of Flint's Blight Elimination Division for a free mattress bag to properly dispose of mattresses. (810) 237-2090
- Traffic Taming Taskforce provided an update about their meetings and their "Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25" campaign. They are currently surveying community members to identify hotspots of speeding through residential areas. The survey is found on page 5 of Flint Our Community Our Voice. Next meeting will be held August 4, 12:00pm at the Flint Public Library following the Flint Neighborhoods United Meeting
- Eastside Franklin Park thanked Archdiocese of Lansing for volunteering with planting at the pocket park (SE corner of Franklin & Ohio).
- Rollingwood/Shady Acres cleanup crew gave a shoutout to Raul Garcia and City of Flint's Blight Elimination Division for guidance and response to resident concerns.

10:08am Community Partner Updates

- Flex High School of MI shared that a charter high school will be opening at the Flint Development Center on September 4, providing individualized instruction as students prepare for their future. The year-round curriculum emphasizes civic responsibility. Grades nine through 12, ages up to 22. Flexible schedules can be accommodated. Visit www.flexhigh.org for more information.
- University of Michigan's Stroke Ready program provides free stroke preparedness workshops throughout the community. For more information, contact (734) 232-3799
- Dreams Do Come True foundation shared about their work cleaning up lots on Baltimore between MLK & Dupont. They asked about community resources to help eliminate blight.
 - Encouraged to contact the Genesee County Land Bank to learn about demolitions (810) 257-3088; City of Flint Department of Planning and Development (810) 766-7426
 - Flint Public Library shared that they can provide training on the Flint Property Portal through their Book an Expert program
- City of Flint shared that they were awarded a HUD Choice Neighborhoods grant to implement the South Flint Community Plan. With any questions, please contact Kristin Stevenson at (810) 766-7426 x2065
- City of Flint also shared that they recently received a two-year neighborhood planning grant through Ruth Mott Foundation. Neighborhoods interested in creating a neighborhood plan should contact the City of Flint Department of Planning and Development at (810) 766-7426
- Flint Kids Play shared information about upcoming park builds. Six playgrounds will be built throughout the community. Information about volunteering can be found on Genesee Serves <http://www.geneseeserves.org/landing/flint-kids-play>
- Michigan State Police will not be hosting a Light Up the City event in August. The next Light Up The City will be Thursday, September 27 at University Square Park (Corner of University & Grand Traverse)
- This summer, Michigan State Police hosted its first teen academy. The successful event allowed youth to interact with officers and troopers and learn about law enforcement and public safety. Keep your ears open for information about next year's teen academy.
- Emanuel Taylor of Wayne State University shared that he hosts monthly CompStat meetings for Wards 1-6 in partnership with Flint Police Department. These meetings share about current crime incidents in each ward. To be added to his mailing list, contact etwaynestate@gmail.com

- Michigan State University- Extension shared that a millage renewal will be on the primary ballot August 7th
- Flint Public Library shared that they will be hosting a blues concert on the lawn featuring Maurice Davis, Saturday, August 25 at 6pm
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has replacement showerhead filters available for free at the ReStore, 101 Burton St., Flint MI 48503, open Tuesday-Saturday, 9-5
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub, Genesee County Habitat for Humanity and City of Flint will be hosting a Flint Property Portal Workshop Wednesday, September 12 5:30pm at Neighborhood Engagement Hub
- Neighborhood Engagement Hub shared that Good Neighbor Day will be celebrated Thursday, September 27 at University Square Park during the Light Up the City Event. Organizations that hosted Neighbors Changing Flint will be awarding good neighbors, organizations, and community projects. Nominate a good neighbor at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZXWXTJ>
- Millages on the ballot August 7th include: Michigan State University- Extension, Flint arts and MTA millages.

10:21am Speaker Presentations—Beautification and Cleanup Resources

- City of Flint— Attorney T. W. Feaster, Administrative Hearings Officer & Alyssa K. Olivarez, Administrative Hearings Bureau Clerk
 - Administrative Hearings Bureau helps fight blight in the City of Flint through interdepartmental initiatives to enforce code violation tickets and respond to complaints in a timely and effective manner. Since June, they have heard over 150 cases, dating back to 2012.
 - Concerns were raised about the enforcement of properties owned by the Land Bank or other public entities. Attorney Feaster shared that those lots will be enforced just as privately-owned lots are. At this point, most tickets that have been enforced have pertained to privately-owned properties. 5 Land Bank properties have appeared before the Blight Hearings Bureau. However, they understand the need to monitor publicly-owned lots and will work out a process for responding to complaints.
 - Question was asked about how public records will be shared. Currently, records may be available by reaching out to the Administrative Hearings Bureau. It is their hope that within the next few months they will be able to host public records through online access.
 - Funding for the Administrative Hearings Bureau was provided in 2010 and is renewed on an annual basis
 - Alyssa K. Olivarez, Administrative Hearings Bureau Clerk, may be contacted at aolivarez@cityofflint.com or (810) 410-1205

11:18am 50/50 drawing

11:20am Adjournment