

December 1, 2018

- 9:30 am **Welcome & Introduction by new members and guests.**
Call to Order / Chris Frye, Treasurer, called meeting to order in absence of President Carma Lewis. Chris Zuwala, Vice-President took on the vendoring of 50/50 tickets. (proceeds go to the treasury for F.N.U.)
Welcome & Introduction by new members and guests. 37 present.
- 9:40 am **Resident Comments, Concerns & Announcements**
Neighborhood Associations & Block Clubs
Representatives from block clubs and organizations introduced selves and organization and provided meeting times and special holiday events.
- ✓ **FNU Traffic Taming Taskforce**
Kate Cole, Chairperson of the FNU Traffic Taming Task Force described data collection for the westside, east side, and southside. There is a gap in data provided from the north side at this time. The Crim (via Cade) provided radar guns for this initial “learning” process. Kate Cole emphasized that training was going to be essential- they are not simple to use and the location of where the person using the radar gun is positioned may influence the results and perhaps the safety of the person recording. Also noted that there are variables on time of day and on weather conditions. They will plan trainings – and need volunteers.
Kate Cole announced the contest to Name the Campaign. The Crim has a grant that makes it possible to offer \$500 and the logo has been chosen. *Watch for announcement of contest and urge folks in your community to participate.* Kate reported that there were 35 traffic fatalities in Genesee County in 2017. She reminded us that we had little control over the water crisis but that this is something that we can impact. “Data leads to funding and problem resolution... Ordinances are not enough.” All invited to participate – meetings are at 4 on the first Monday of the month at the Crim Fitness Foundation.
- 10:00 am **Community Partner Updates**
Share important information, upcoming events and programs, etc....
- **Master Plan**
 - **City of Flint** – Kristin Stevenson, Choice Neighborhoods Project Coordinator, reported that there will be several job openings including case managers. She will post to FNU. A skate park meeting will be held on December 7th – Adam Moore is department contact.
 - **Flint Police** – Officer Quion Wheeler described the continuing development of Community Policing Officers program.. Contacts are assigned to areas and he will bring confirmation of boundaries for each to the next meeting. His contact info as qwheeler@cityofflint.com.
Flint Police Tips Line info will also be provided at next FNU meeting.
 - Nate King emphasized that the proportion of liquor stores in the community especially on north side is a critical problem. Discussion of video cameras and getting involved. More info on Cat Eye and how it works, and costs needed.
 - Safety Meeting sponsored under the ICT Grant – Sandra Johnson reported that this meeting is held on the 1st Tuesday at 5:30 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.
 - **Michigan State Police** Trooper Steven Kramer described holiday special events: Toy Drive – contribs at the Elga Credit Union branch on Center Road. – new and gently used unwrapped toys will go to Salvation Army. They also do this in Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties. Trooper Kramer indicated that they have data of all kinds: example 13,807 traffic stops with 12,000 given verbal warnings; 45 drunk driving, 86 suspended licenses, etc. Their purpose is pro-active traffic enforcement (reckless driving and not speed alone) and reduction of violence. State Police always pass all info on to Flint Police. Responded to an inquiry about the helicopter “surveillance” and if consistent in an area meant something. He indicated that there are many helicopters working in the area including Hurley airlifts, moving equipment and supplies into building sites, etc. so probably both routine and random.

- **Flint Fire Department** Interim Deputy Fire Chief Carrie Edwards – Clemons was congratulated for new appointment. She and Fire Chief Ray Barton reported on new equipment that will substantially improve fire safety for Flint residents: they are getting a new Rescue Squad vehicle and a truck that can do “platform” transfers (person will not have to get onto a ladder to be rescued from upper floors.) Chief Barton described that a “squad” is built from the ground up specifically to meet the needs of the department – not instant but very important addition to Flint’s Fire Department capacities. They also described that the SAFER Grant has made it possible to keep all stations open and described the 2 in and 2 out requirements in property fires, i.e. must have 2 firepersons outside in order for 2 to go in to burning building so sometimes have to wait for 2nd vehicle to get to scene. (always go in immediately if person in building). Emphasized that “we are always coming” but also preparing to care for the firepersons so it may look like not going into a property fire as quickly as observers wish.
Carrie Edwards-Clemons – will install smoke alarms – wants to come speak to your group. Call her at 810 7i62-7336, ext. 5225.

Trying to keep all stations open- Council supports SAFER Grant application.

- **Crime Stoppers** info: Amanda Emery – described Tip process card – will come to meetings also. Can be reached at csamandaemery@gmail.com or 810 875-2208.
- **Land Bank** Properties for sale – open houses weekly
- **Flint Public Library** – Ashley Nizinski described multiple Library activities in the Holiday Walk and over holiday break. All ages.....books, challenges and more.
- **Nonprofit Organizations**
 - Neighborhood Engagement Hub – new series of Neighbors Changing Flint workshops will begin February 20, 5- 8. Ashley Everhart encouraged groups to begin to plan for next year’s activities. AmeriCorps VISTA application posted for City Planning Dept. She announced that Raul Vargas’ AmeriCorps term is ending – thanks and farewell to him. FNU thanked with applause and best wishes.

10:30 am

Speaker Presentations

- Karen Sturdivant, City of Flint Community and Economic Development Dept., described the purposes of Federal funds available in Flint and the application process: HOME funds are for housing in line with the City of Flint’s priorities. Emergency Solutions Grants are available for emergency housing and services and Community Development Block Grant funds eligible activities include Public Services, Facility Improvements, Blight Elimination, Code Enforcement, Housing Rehabilitation, and Job Development. The grant application includes a city map defining the eligible areas for these services. Requirements include that the applicant must be a 501c3 nonprofit in good standing with audits & all property taxes paid; and must have cash flow as this program is 100% reimbursement of paid expenses - must identify the benefit provided (i.e. who did you help, when, and how). All records must be retained for 7 years. Discussion of info and technical assistance followed.

11: 20

Elections for FNU President, Secretary

Chris Frye indicated that according to our bylaws, we could not elect officers today as had not provided info timely. Positions open are for President and Secretary. He indicated that Carma Lewis would accept the presidency but would also welcome additional nominees. Secretary position – suggested Laverne McGowan, Nancy Switzer and Kate Cole. Kate and Nancy both indicated that not interested. Laverne would accept nomination. Election, with the floor open for additional nominees, will take place in January FNU meeting.

11:25 am

50/50 Drawing \$26.

11:30 am

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 5 , 9:30 am, Flint Public Library