

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney David Anderson Stephanie Bell Don Cooney Barbara Miller</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Terry Kuseske</p>
	<p>Also present were Deputy City Manager Jerri Barnett-Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Commissioner Excused	<p>Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bell, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Kuseske. With a voice vote the motion passed.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:</p>
	<p><u>Milwood Neighborhood Association</u> John Hilliard, Board Member</p>
	<p><u>Western Michigan University Students</u> Aaron Booth, President Erin Kaplan Robert Youngs, Speaker Pro-Tem</p>
	<p><u>Whites/Edgemoor/Bronson Neighborhood Association</u> Linda Wienir, President</p>
Milwood Neighborhood Association	<p>The Milwood Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - stated the Public Safety Appreciation Dinner for officers in Zone 2 was successful and well received. - noted the following upcoming events: National Night Out on August 3rd and the Big League Softball World Series on August 5-11 - asked when Portage street would be resurfaced. - recommended the resurfacing of East Cork Street between Sprinkle Road and Lovers Lane. - reported Consumers Credit Union would be locating a new branch in the Neighborhood within the next 12-18 months.

- stated foreclosures and empty homes were an issue and expressed concern about homes being rented out in an unscrupulous manner.

Milwood
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Hilliard stated 105-110 homes in the Neighborhood were on the market in 2009 compared to 30-40 homes on the market in prior years.

The Western Student Association representatives:

- asked to have more student representation on development boards in the City, especially the Downtown Development Authority.
- stated they were working with Kalamazoo Valley River Trailway advisory committee to develop a non-motorized trail between the WMU campus and downtown.
- described initiatives to encourage volunteerism among students.
- noted Drive Safe Kalamazoo was in danger of going bankrupt and stated this group was in danger of going bankrupt.

Western Student
Association

Commissioner Cooney recommended the WSA representatives talk with Kathy Purnell, Coordinator of Service Based Learning at the Lewis Walker Institute, about opportunities for volunteering.

Mayor Hopewell suggested the City schedule the City Commission/WMU student representatives meeting during the school year.

The Whites/Edgemoor/Bronson Association representative:

- distributed a brochure entitled *Enjoy the Nature of the WEB Neighborhood*.
- remarked on the activities of the Stewards of Kleinstuck group.
- reported there was a large deer population in the Neighborhood that continued to be a problem.
- thanked City planning staff for their work on the Master Land Use Plan. Ms. Wienir stated a group of 15 neighborhood associations was supporting an effort to apply for a state award for the Master Plan.
- stated the Neighborhood's summer picnic would take place in July.

Whites/Edgemoor/
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Commissioner Anderson stated the most effective way to address the deer problem in the City was to cull the herd, but this solution would require a tremendous amount of public support.

Citizen Comments

Next, when given an opportunity to offer comments, the following citizen addressed the City Commission:

John Hilliard, City resident, suggested the City issue a proclamation for the Softball World Series.

Commissioner Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners.

In response to a question from Commissioner Miller, Mayor Hopewell stated performance reviews were being scheduled for the City Commission appointees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 2, 2010

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 2, 2010

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