

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 21, 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 Terry Kuseske Barbara Miller*</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</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 Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Cooney, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Miller. 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>Arcadia Neighborhood Association</u> Rex Brueggeman, Former President Nick Boyd, Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><u>Oakland Drive/Winchell Neighborhood Association</u> Larry Ross, Co-President Barb McCrea, Co-President</p> <p><u>Parkwyn Village Association</u> Charles Adams, President</p>
Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood Association	<p>The Oakland/Winchell Neighborhood Association representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reported the Association was dealing with the following issues: proposed new lighting at the Kalamazoo Christian High School football/soccer field, and the BW3 development on Stadium Drive. - observed Stadium Drive was looking better. <p>*Commissioner Miller arrived at 6:04 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - expressed interest and concern about buildings on Western Michigan University's East Campus. - stated there was inadequate parking at the Farmers' Market and encouraged City to make improvements to the market property and facilities.

- requested that City add a park bench to the corner of Oakland Drive and Parkview Avenue where the dry cleaners had been demolished recently.
- commended the City for the democratic process used to develop the Master Plan.
- noted a sidewalk was needed along Howard Street for people from the Neighborhood who walked to work at WMU.

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Hope Harmon, 3512 Fair Oaks Drive, and Jennifer Frey, 2115 Sycamore, described how the development of the BW3 property on Stadium Drive had altered their property resulting in flooding and other damage. Ms. Harmon and Ms. Frey stated their neighbors' properties also experienced damage, and they noted a drainage plan for the entire area was needed as property-specific solutions just shifted problems from one property to another.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Harmon stated there was no drainage culvert in her yard prior to the development.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, Community Planning and Development Director Jeff Chamberlain explained the City was local enforcer of the Michigan Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act and noted the City had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the BW3 developer. Director Chamberlain reported the City was using the MOU to require the developer to submit a mitigation plan by June 29th, and Director Chamberlain stated the City would enforce all applicable laws and ordinances.

Commissioner Kuseske commended Ms. Harmon and Ms. Frey for not just complaining about a problem but for participating in the Plan Kalamazoo process.

Mayor Hopewell requested an update from the City Administration on this issue at the City Commission meeting immediately following the June 29th deadline.

In response to a question from Deputy City Manager Barnett-Moore, City Engineer Frank Szopo stated the Oakland/Parkview intersection project was slated for 2013.

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representative:

- discussed the assets of the Neighborhood.
- expressed concern about construction around Arboretum Parkway.
- stated the Kalamazoo Promise had kept people in the Neighborhood and brought new people into the Neighborhood.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - observed the amount of trash along West Michigan Avenue had steadily increased over the years. Mr. Brueggeman suggested Western Michigan University, the City, and the Neighborhood meet to address this issue. <p>In response to a clarifying question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Brueggeman stated he was concerned about trash on West Michigan Avenue from Howard Street west along the full length of the Neighborhood.</p> <p>Commissioner Bell suggested that fraternities “adopt” sections of the street to keep clean and that businesses along West Michigan Avenue be encouraged to place trash receptacles on the street.</p>
Parkwyn Village Association	<p>The Parkwyn Village Association representative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - described the Neighborhood as being bounded by Parkview Avenue, Drake Road, and Winchell Avenue. - stated there were no complaints. - expressed concerns about speeding traffic, the condition of street pavement in the neighborhood, and the large deer population.
Citizen Comments	<p>Next, when an opportunity was given for citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Asha Khazad, City resident, spoke regarding the lack of benches in the bus shelter at the intersection of Kilgore Road and Lovers Lane.</p>
Commissioner Comments	<p>Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.</p>
Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Scott A. Borling City Clerk</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For City Commission approval on August 2, 2010</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Approved by: _____ Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor Dated: August 2, 2010</p>