

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

Roll Call

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Hannah McKinney
David Anderson
Don Cooney
Sean McCann
Barbara Miller
Stephanie Moore*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby Hopewell
Don Cooney

Also present were City Manager Ken Collard, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.

Commissioner Excused

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioners Cooney and Moore. With a voice vote, the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Communications

An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.

Neighborhood Communications

Representatives of the following neighborhood organizations were present:

Arcadia Neighborhood Association
Rex Brueggeman, Board President

Milwood Neighborhood Watch Association
Ken Horton, President
John Hilliard, Board Member

Woods Lake Neighborhood Association
Jim Langerveld, President
Frank Wolfe, Past President

Arcadia Neighborhood Association

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representatives:

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- distributed the August 2009 edition of the Arcadia Neighborhood Reminder newsletter.
- invited Commissioners to an ice cream social on August 26th.
- noted workers had begun to construct a bike path along Arboretum Parkway and thanked the City Commission for ensuring the WMU Foundation and its contractors added this amenity.

*Commissioner Moore arrived at 6:03 p.m.

- inquired about the work plan and calendar for the Kendall Avenue cul-de sac-project.

Milwood
Neighborhood
Watch

City Engineer Frank Szopo stated the Kendall Avenue cul-de-sac project was in the design phase and would be completed in the Fall. City Engineer Szopo noted this project was included in the change order to the Local Streets budget approved by the Commission in April.

The Milwood Neighborhood Watch representatives:

- described recent events in the Neighborhood such as the Little League Softball World Series and National Night Out.
- expressed concern about the large number of solicitors going door-to-door and requested a complete ban on door-to-door solicitation and sales.
- reported a fund raiser in May had brought in \$3,200.
- thanked Public Safety Officers for their help and assistance.
- commended the Public Services Department for pot hole repairs, helping with tall grass problems, and trash cleanup after storms.
- requested Portage Street be repaved between Lakeway and I-94 and between Alcott and Vassar.
- reported 3-foot high grass at the Kilgore Road/Portage Road/I-94 interchange and stated the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) would mow this area only one time per year.

Woods Lake
Beach
Neighborhood

The Woods Lake Beach Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked City Engineer Szopo for his assistance with a sea wall problem.
- thanked Parks and Recreation Director Francis Jewell and Neighborhood resident Chris Bartley for their work on the parks.
- noted the Association was busy with park improvements.

Citizen Comments

Next, an opportunity was given for citizens to address the City Commission, but no comments were made.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on October 19, 2009

Approved by: _____

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor

Dated: October 19, 2009