

Roll Call	<p>A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor David Anderson Bob Cinabro Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Barbara Miller Jack Urban</p>
	<p>COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None</p>
	<p>Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.</p>
Miscellaneous Communications	<p>An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.</p>
Neighborhood Communications	<p>Representatives from the following neighborhood associations and community groups were present and addressed the City Commission:</p>
	<p><u>Stuart Area Restoration Association</u> Max Tibbitts, Board Chair Sarah Hoisington, Executive Director</p>
Stuart Area Restoration Association	<p>The Stuart Area Restoration Association (SARA) representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- introduced Sarah Hoisington as the new SARA Executive Director.</li> <li>- distributed the June edition of the <i>Stuart Neighborhood News</i>.</li> <li>- thanked the City for obtaining funding to renovate the former fire station on the corner of Douglas and North Street.</li> <li>- reported on the neighborhood yard sale on June 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>- requested the installation of “Children Playing” signs on Old Orchard and Allen, and “No Parking” signs on Eleanor and Oak.</li> <li>- thanked the City for the demolition of a house on Old Orchard.</li> <li>- expressed concern about the house at North and Elm and the J. Rhodes building.</li> <li>- asked about the dates for next community updates to the Priority Based Budgeting process.</li> <li>- reported the Xtrain was happening along the North Street corridor.</li> <li>- stated they were seeing crime with younger kids – mostly vandalism – and asked if the Douglas Community Center would have youth programming over the summer.</li> </ul>

- reported vandalism near Kalamazoo College had really increased over the course of the school year and indicated the ones who had been caught were K-College students.

Stuart Area  
Restoration  
Association (cont'd)

Commissioner Cinabro commended SARA for its community engagement efforts and welcomed Ms. Hoisington. Commissioner Cinabro expressed dismay about the vandalism associated with K-College.

Commissioner Cunningham stated he was directly involved with trying to facilitate summer programming for young people.

Commissioner Cooney stated the Boys and Girls Club would have programming for children over the summer.

Commissioner Urban asked if there was something specific the City could do to help with the Jay B. Rhodes building.

Laura Lam reported the Community Planning & Development Department had just applied for a \$240,000 grant from the State Land Bank, and the Jay B. Rhodes building was at the top of the project list for that grant.

City Manager Ritsema provided an update on the Priority Based Budgeting (PBB) Process and asked Director Lam to discuss the next steps in the community engagement component of PBB.

Director Lam stated the next steps in the community engagement process would be to explain the result definitions to the community and have a discussion about the definition of "success." Director Lam reported staff were trying to figure out how to coordinate the community outreach for PBB with the community outreach for the Master Plan update process.

Next, an opportunity was given for citizen comments, but no comments were offered.

Citizen Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Commissioner  
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling  
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 6, 2015

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor  
Dated: July 6, 2015