

	A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Vice Mayor Don Cooney David Anderson Erin Knott Matt Milcarek Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Shannon Sykes* Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioners Excused	Commissioner Knott, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.
Communications	An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.
Neighborhood Communications	Neighborhood communications were received next. Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission: <u>Community Youth</u> Quincy Ellis, Counselor in Training Annika Flores, Counselor in Training Josh Smith, Counselor in Training Nolan Tribu, Counselor in Training <u>Lakeside Beach Corporation</u> Jim McIntyre, Past President <u>Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association</u> Bill Huges, President
Community Youth	The Community Youth representatives: - introduced themselves and described their roles and jobs as Counselors in Training (CIT's). *Commissioner Sykes arrived at 6:02 p.m. - described the training and leadership opportunities they had experienced and what those opportunities had meant for their personal lives. - talked about their career aspirations and how their time as CIT's had influenced those aspirations.

Commissioner Sykes thanked the CIT's for their work and leadership.

In response to questions from Mr. Smith, Mayor Hopewell stated he wanted to be a City Commissioner and Mayor as a way to give back to the community, and he was not sure whether he would run for higher office.

The Lakeside Beach Corporation representative:

- described the boundaries of the neighborhood, reported there were 80 households in the plat, and stated residents payed annual fees to maintain the beach.
- expressed concern about speeding traffic on Bronson Boulevard and suggested bike lanes be added, which might also have a calming effect on traffic.
- expressed appreciation to the Commission for their work on behalf of the City.

The Parker/Duke Neighborhood Association representative:

- reported the Association had partnered with Southern Heights Christian Reformed Church to give neighborhood children a playground.
- stated it had been difficult to get residents to engage and give input regarding plans for another playground.

When an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Cynthia Moore, City resident, reported the CIT's worked over 5,300 hours in 2015, and she requested that the City provide a stipend or other form of recognition for their work.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on August 1, 2016

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: August 1, 2016

Community Youth
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Lakeside Beach
Corporation

Parker/Duke
Neighborhood
Association

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Adjournment