

Roll Call

A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell
Vice Mayor Don Cooney
David Anderson
Erin Knott
Jack Urban

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Matt Milcarek
Shannon Sykes*

Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.

Commissioners
Excused

Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Milcarek and Sykes. With a voice vote the motion passed.

*Commissioner Sykes arrived at 6:01 p.m.

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:

Arcadia Neighborhood Association

Dave Bruininks, President
Hans Engelke, Board Member

Edison Neighborhood Association

Gerry Hoffmann, Board President
Tammy Taylor, Executive Director

Arcadia
Neighborhood
Association

The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representatives:

- thanked City staff for great communication regarding issues and projects in the neighborhood.
- thanked Public Safety and Western Michigan University Police for their presence and quick response to issues in the neighborhood.
- reported neighborhood residents had been working with Public Services staff to address water connection issues.
- expressed concern regarding the large skunk population in the neighborhood.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Bruininks stated the neighborhood had positive communication with new residents moving into the area with the start of the new school year.

Arcadia
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

The Edison Neighborhood Association representatives:

Edison
Neighborhood
Association

- distributed copies of the July/August 2016 *Edison Voice* newsletter. Copies of the document were filed with the papers for this meeting.
- reported 117 volunteers contributed 858 hours to complete 54 exterior home improvement projects as part of the successful Building Blocks program.
- reported on the large attendance and success of the Edison Art-Hop on August 5, 2016.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Ms. Taylor stated it was difficult to get volunteers for the Building Blocks program when it started, but volunteer participation continued to increase with each year the program was offered.

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

Citizen Comments

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 6, 2016

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: