

	A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 West South Street.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell David Anderson Don Cooney Eric Cunningham COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Erin Knott Shannon Sykes Jack Urban Also present were Deputy City Manager Jeff Chamberlain, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioners Excused	Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Knott and Commissioners Sykes and Urban. 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>Oakwood Neighborhood Association</u> Alfonso Espinosa, Vice President Cheryl Lord, Executive Director <u>Parkwyn Village Association</u> Leslie Tung, President <u>Woods Lake Association</u> Chris Bovid, President
Oakwood Neighborhood Association	The Oakwood Neighborhood Association representatives: - distributed and reviewed the May/June 2018 edition of the <i>Oakwood Times</i> newsletter. - invited Commissioners to the Oakwood Annual Picnic. - reported the Association's annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser had been a success. - expressed concerns about the neighborhood polling location, incomplete sidewalks, inadequate lighting, and speeding traffic. - reported neighborhood representatives were working with City staff to develop a neighborhood plan.

- distributed and reviewed copies of the *Oakwood Neighborhood Association 2017 Annual Report*.
- noted the City had reduced funding for neighborhood associations several years prior and requested that the City reinstate neighborhood funding to the former levels.
- asked that the City replace the sign for the neighborhood center at the corner of Oakland Drive and Logan.
- requested that the City put in place a system to report potholes and noted it was a common occurrence for City crews to fill the pothole that was reported, but not the potholes a few yards away.
- stated the Oakland/Parkview intersection was dangerous for pedestrians.
- reported the Association received volunteer hours valued at \$99,000 in 2017.

Oakwood
Neighborhood
Association (cont'd)

Commissioner Cooney requested action regarding the sign for the neighborhood center.

Commissioner Cunningham stated the coming 311 system would provide a way to report potholes.

The Parkwyn Village Association representative:

- reported the Association was working with Ryan Koziatsek from the Kalamazoo Nature Center to address the deer population at Asylum Lake.
- reported the Association was working with Ryan Koziatsek and the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area for Barry, Calhoun, and Kalamazoo Counties regarding Japanese Knotweed that had moved into the neighborhood.
- stated the Association's founding documents and early meeting minutes were being transferred to the Western Michigan University Archives and Regional History Collection.
- indicated the park in the middle of the community had been renamed the Norman F. Carver Park.

Parkwyn Village
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Tung stated his recommendations for addressing the deer population were educating people about the impact of unmanaged herds, measuring the deer population, and finding a humanitarian way to control the population.

Commissioner Anderson noted that Bill Rose from the Kalamazoo Nature Center was the local expert on urban deer populations.

Woods Lake
Association

In response to a question from Commissioner Cooney, Mr. Tung stated he had not encountered hard signs of chronic wasting disease, only anecdotal evidence.

The Woods Lake Association representative:

- reviewed the organization of the Woods Lake Association and noted the Association and the City were the two largest riparians.
- distributed copies of the dues/payment request letter that was sent to the City and explained the fees were used to pay for two invasive species and algae treatments per year.
- reported the Association's herbicide permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality was renewed for the next 4 years.
- stated the annual water quality report came back good.
- indicated the Association would be watching closely the development of the Consumers Credit Union property to ensure City inspectors did not give the developers a "pass".
- stated the Association shared concerns with the Oakland/Winchell Association about the natural features overlay in the Zoning Code and urged the City to put in place real, meaningful, substantial protections for natural features.
- expressed safety and security concerns with regard to people walking on the edge of the retention wall and accessing the Association's property from Woods Lake Park.
- asked the City to establish a process for removing dead animal carcasses from roadways.
- reported the Association had worked with the Environmental Concerns Committee (ECC) to develop a recommendation for the City Commission regarding storm sewer run-off, but the resolution that was developed had not been considered. Mr. Bovid stated the City should inform its boards, commissions, and committees of the procedure for submitting recommendations to the City Commission.

*Commissioner Urban arrived at 6:56 p.m.

Citizen Comments

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

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, apologized to Mayor for his comments at last business meeting.

Commissioner
Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners, but none were offered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on June 4, 2018

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: June 4, 2018