

	A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:02 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor Erin Knott David Anderson Don Cooney Eric Cunningham Shannon Sykes COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell Jack Urban* Also present were Deputy City Manager Patsy Moore, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and Deputy City Clerk Shelby Moss.
Commissioners Excused	Commissioner Cunningham, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to excuse the absences of Mayor Hopewell and Commissioner Urban. With a voice vote the motion passed. *Commissioner Urban arrived at 6:05 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: <u>Stuart Area Restoration Association</u> Valarie Bader, Vice President Dana Underwood, Treasurer <u>West Main Hill Neighborhood Association</u> Rachel Chadderdon Bair, President
Stuart Area Restoration Association	The Stuart Area Restoration Association representatives: - reported they had been organizing more social events for residents to connect with neighbors, and the events have been well attended. - resident participation on the board had increased, however the board was still lacking diversity and continued to seek new members. - requested assistance and ideas from the City on developing a new neighborhood survey in order to gain more resident responses for the Neighborhood Plan. - expressed concerns regarding the following issues; tree limbs in need of trimming on Stuart Avenue; safety issues in West Main Park; vehicles cutting the corner at Douglas Avenue and West

Main Street; the deterring condition of sidewalks on Stuart Avenue; and large potholes at the south east corner of Stuart and Kalamazoo Avenues.

Stuart Area
Restoration
Association (cont'd)

Commissioner Sykes commended the Association for their continued efforts to diversify the board, and she offered to review the board's action plan for reaching out to potential new members and provide feedback. Commissioner Sykes remarked on the importance of sharing a personal story in order to connect with potential new members, but she agreed the perceived time commitment was a tough obstacle to overcome when attracting new membership.

The West Main Hill Neighborhood Association representative:

West Main Hill
Neighborhood
Association

- thanked Parks and Recreation staff for the renovations to Henderson Tot Lot.
- remarked on the success of the June ice cream social event and invited Commissioners to attend a neighborhood social gathering on Grand Avenue and the annual picnic.
- reported the board enjoyed the IK2025 process, but they were not working to develop a neighborhood plan at this time.
- expressed concerns about the lack of connectivity with the downtown area for non-motorized traffic.

Commissioner Urban recommended the board contact the Complete Streets Coalition regarding cut through traffic on Monroe and Lamont.

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

Citizen Comments

Jodi Dozeman, City resident, expressed concerns regarding the health conditions of her family.

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

Commissioner
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Moss
Deputy City Clerk

For City Commission approval on July 16, 2018

Approved by:

Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: July 16, 2018