

Minutes
Baxter Neighborhood Association
March Board Meeting

6:00pm, March 6, 2023

Meeting ID: meet.google.com/yzu-jvbo-hoq

Topic 6:05pm		Pers	Time	Type
Opening				
1	Call to Order	Pres		WO
2	Roll Call, Welcome, Overview of the Meeting .1 present: Isaac Brown, Chad Patton, Barbara Davis, Jason Kuipers, Arlan Palmer. Albert William (AJ) ,Iretha Smith ,Martin Uchendu, Sharon Martin, Augustin (Gus) Bilodeau, Marian B. .2 excused: .3 absent: .4 visitors: Helen Harp, & Andrew Claucherty	Pres		Q 7/13
3	Approval of the Agenda .1 moved: .2 second	Pres		WO
4	Approval of the minutes .1. Iretha Smith 2. Barb Motion carried without objection	Pres		WO
5.	Public comment Andrew C. neighborhood visitation specialist at Habitat. For Humanity of Kent, Count. He invited us to an event that they are hosting tomorrow night on March 7 from 5pm-7pm at the Baxter Community Center. It will be a meet and greet event with the Baxter United Group and they will be talking about all of our events and things that they are planning for the rest of the year and would love to meet all of us and get some shared time together to plan and get the Neighborhood Association involved in the work. Chad will get the virtual flyer out to everyone. Helen Harp Larlen thanks the board for writing the GR housing grant. They hope to hear the response in March or early April. Report on Southdown Improvement Authority: They represent six business districts within the 3 rd Ward. She is part of the Franklin-	Pres		

	<p>Eastern. They are looking for green space and gathering space in one area. They applied for a grant in the alley way by 5/3 and Big Fish Wings and Things area owned by Mike Hawkins. He also gave permission to use the area. Allot must be done. They have talked to City on how to arrive at getting it done. She wants to get BNA involved in this project. Another grant is being written by Carlos Calderone. They are a applying for a grant in the amount of \$300,000. She needs input from our association what do we want our neighborhood look like. She would like to get our neighbors involved. Marian is also on the board and has some information to share with them about the green space. Here is the email that Helen has furnished us. Franklin.easternbd@gmail.com. We will forward Marian information to her.</p>			
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Executive Committee				
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6	President's Report			
7	<p>Vice President's Report</p> <p>1. Met with Andrew last Friday at the request of AJ. The goal was to build a bridge and worked together. They shared with Andrew a little bit of the closed session comments. He encourages us. They are not an attempt to create another association but create excitement in the neighborhood. Chad and Isaac feel it is a good thing to support. It is a good opportunity for our association to grow and partner in areas effectively.</p> <p>Comments: Marian has been meeting with them also. She is planning some public safety things with them along with the police department. Chad said that he and Isaac to help promote events as information is given to them. Both Chad and Isaac have conflicts if their events are on a Tuesday evening because of previous commitments.</p>	VP		WO
8	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>.1 CBD Funds account there is \$10,149.23. In the unrestricted account the balance is \$5,548 And we paid out for our State Farm Insurance \$598. And for our taxes, it was \$817.16 paid out.</p>	Tres		WO
9	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>He worked with Isaac, Chad and Marian to get electronic signatures from Board Members for the conflict of interest document that Marian needed. He also attended our special meeting to approve the Larlen Communications support letter. The support letter was completed and sent to Larlen via email.</p>	Sec.		WO
10	<p>Standing Committees</p> <p>Bylaws -Vice President - They met briefly last week. They covered the first three sections and those look good. They are going through sections at a time. Jason, Chand, Gus, and Michael meet again soon to provide feed on changes and updates. They hope to complete</p>	VP		WO

	sections four, five and six if they have time. The meetings are always the second Monday unless notified.			
11	Ad Hoc/At large committees (suggestions) 1. Joe Taylor Park Committee 2. Clean Up Baxter 3. Crime Prevention	VP		WO
Reports To the Board				
12	<p>Executive Director Report .1 Master Plan What are our hopes and dreams. She plans to contact us through email or phone calls and answer some questions. She needs to have it done by the end of this week. She is going to write it up and send it out to us. https://www.planning-next.com/grand-rapids-launch-activities/ https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/.../Office.../Strategic-Plan She will send out a form with questions for us to respond to this week. If we do the master plan online, please copy and send it to Marian.</p> <p>2. Public Safety Updates Fanny's Corner is applying for liquor license outside our city. She has talked to city and liquor commission. They are in violation of a couple of city ordinances. She asked the board do we want another store with a liquor license in the area. Many board members feel that adding more liquor and other traffic would not be good for that area near Eastern and Thomas. Helen Harp says the core is definitely not in support of another liquor store in our area. Helen can get at least two letters of support. Motion: Marian to proceed to write a letter to the city to block the liquor license that the store Fanny's Corner is applying for. Discussion: No discussion 1. Barb 2. Iretha Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Property at 817 MLK it an empty lot owned by Nathan Dillard. He wants to put a duplex on that property. She is meeting with him next week. He needs to talk to Neighbors surrounding that area and our Neighborhood association. She plans to go downtown within a week and get the plans and send it to the secretary and Franklin Eastern Business Alliance.</p>	MBY		WO
13	City/GRPD Report .1			WO

14	Member Reports (business associations, groups, etc.) .1			WO
Old Business				
15	<p>1. Newsletter/Website update: Michael Curtis is assisting us. Marian also suggest that since MLK has a WEB site for the Southside area that we possibly put some of our things in their newsletter which promotes working together with other associations and keeps us informed of other areas near us. But Chad reminded us that we do not have anyone who has stepped up for our communications committee. Marian suggested that she herself bring in the public safety team and work on participating in MLK's website/newsletter.</p> <p>2. BNA office Relocation: we will</p> <p>3. Sub Committees; There is a need i.e. Communications</p> <p>4. Support Letter to Larlen Communications it is done, and we have been thanked in person and through email.</p> <p>5. Fund Raising Ideas: Chad and Isaac are suggesting the possibility to pay dues if the board approves. Helen suggested that we look into grants for some of our support. Marian said that we have it before for different things. Marian explained the importance of paying dues.</p> <p>6. Working together on Charitable Donation there is attempt.</p> <p>7. Location for BNA retreat on May 6</p> <p>8. Empty Board member seat</p>			Roll Call
New Business				
16	.1			
Public Comment				
16	.1 If there are any organizations interested in applying for a grant for Youth going into Architecture. Here is the link. https://michiganarchitecturalfoundation.org/grants/maf-education-awareness-grants/			
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18	.1 Called by Vice President			WO