

Minutes

Baxter Neighborhood Association April Board Meeting

6:00pm, April 3, 2023

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

Mission Statement:

BAXTER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (BNA) IS A NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION ITS' PURPOSES ARE TO ADVOCATE, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER RESIDENTS/STAKEHOLDERS, FOCUSING ON PREVENTION, AND NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN THE BAXTER COMMUNITY.

Topic	Pers	Time	Type
Opening			
1	Call to Order 6:10pm	Pres	WO
2	Roll Call, Welcome, Overview of the Meeting and acknowledge our Mission statement .1 present: Isaac Brown, Barbara Davis, Jason Kuipers, Arlan Palmer, Ireatha Smith , Augustin (Gus) Bilodeau, Marian B., Sharon Martin, Albert Williams(A.J.) .2 excused: Christine(Suzy) Flowers, Chad Patton .3 absent: Martin Uchendu .4 visitors: none	Pres	Q 7/13
3	Approval of the Agenda	Pres	WO
4	Approval of the minutes Not everyone had a chance to view the minutes because of technical difficulties. The secretary ask board members to check their email and let him know whether or not that they approve the minutes.	Pres	WO
5.	Public comment	Pres	
Executive Committee			
6	President's Report		
7	Vice President's Report See By laws	VP	WO

8	Treasurer's Report No Report	Tres		WO
9	Secretary's Report Please see approval of the minutes section above	Sec.		WO
10	Standing Committees 1. By Laws: Isaac reported on the Bylaws for Chad. The committee has been touching up articles 3,4, and 5. They will be working on 6 and 7 at their next meeting on Monday April 10. They seen an opportunity to add a section for ease of reviewing and the purpose of clarity. This section will not necessarily introduce and new general topics, but will create clearer communication around what our meetings are and when we have them, and how we can have them. Isaac shared on screen the changes that have been made so far up to section 5. If you would like to see those changes, you can contact Isaac, Chad or Marian which have them on a shared google drive. Jason asked members to send any suggestions to them prior to next Mondays meeting. Any member is welcome to attend the meeting on the second Monday of the month unless notified.	P		WO
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	Executive Director Report .1 Grant opportunities: 1a. The city has a grant under family children initiatives for youth that is dealing with health, equity and inclusion and public safety. She will be working with Kentwood, Wyoming and Grand Rapids police department to work along with the kids. There is quick turn around for this grant application which is due this Friday April 7. She hopes to have 4-5 kids working with our neighborhood association from June-July. The youth will be paid a stipend for this work. She also plans to have some students and volunteers from Grand Rapids Community college to work with these youth. She will also draw some youth from the Cure Violence to participate in the program. She would like the board's approval to apply for this grant. Motion: The board gives Marian permission to write a grant regarding youth and apply to the health department. 1. Iretha 2. Sharon No discussion Motion carried unanimously. Motion: The board gives Marian permission to write a grant under Family Childrens link for BNA that will allow some youth to work in the neighborhood from June until July of 2023. AJ asked a question about how youth apply for these jobs. Marian said there will be a website. Arlan also said that other programs like Michigan Works is offering youth work opportunities. 1. Arlan 2. Iretha No discussion Motion carried unanimously.	MBY		WO
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	<p>2. Safe Kids task force: She went to meeting that was brainstorming around core issues and what's happening in the community. There is a group from Honduras. There was interpreter assisting in translating into English so that their needs will be communicated and felt.</p> <p>3. Committee to interview Fire Chief; She has joined that committee</p> <p>4. She is also on a committee dealing with GRPD which is trying to recruit more minorities to the police force.</p> <p>5. Code Violations: The vacant house on Dolby: A women who has been supervising the property is working on bring it up to code. Marian has also put her into contact with another person to help her. Marian has put a hold on the code enforcement violations because she is working on it.</p> <p>6. Community Work: A. Senior citizens: Working on getting Easter Baskets for them. We are finally able to meet in person and do more things prior to COVID. Our seniors are forgotten many times. Marian is hoping to have a meeting at a church in the neighborhood to do some training for them. She hopes to bring in resources from AARP.</p> <p>7. She is working with a property owner on MLK drive who has been out of the country and has returned. She has encouraged him to talk with his neighbors before going to the city and include them in the ideas about what he want to do with the property.</p> <p>8. Training Program for neighborhood people who want to start up a business. Contact Marian for more information;</p> <p>9. National Night Out this year It is a key year because it is a major anniversary year. She is contacting t the family of Joe Taylor through the police department.</p> <p>Marian will send the secretary the bullet points of her report to clarify and add anything that was missed.</p>			
13	City/GRPD Report .1			WO
14	Member Reports (business associations, groups, etc.) .1			WO
Old Business				
15	Board Retreat May 6 Update: Marian is still working on a location. She has sent some information to the city and is waiting on a response from them. But they have been very busy with grant awards and neighborhood planning etc. She figures that ICCF is open to us doing the retreat at their location. Marian prefers that we keep our retreat location in our neighborhood.			
New Business				
16	It has been brought to Isaacs attention that our website information has not been updated. Since Michael is helping us with the Website, he could the information to help and correct the board names, positions and add minutes.			
Public Comment				
16	2. Jason talked reported on the 4 new homes that ICCF are building in the neighborhood. These homes are owned by ICCF but can be purchased through their Community Homeland Trust program.			

	<p>Family will be able to purchase these homes at a lower cost. These are homes for families. This is exciting.</p> <p>3. Jason asked Marian question. What should you do about people who are driving the wrong way down a one-way street which he lives on. Now that he is working a different shift, he can see the dangers of this behavior. Marian suggests that he get the license number and report it to the appropriate authority. Jason doesn't want to be one of those people taking pictures with his phone camera. He has to live with his neighbors. He asked is there something that can be done to inhibit such behavior. For instance, maybe a bump out. Marian plans to look into it and contact traffic control and see what can be done.</p>			
Adjourn				
18	.1 Called by President 1 Jason 2. Arlan			WO