

Woodcliffe Neighborhood Association Meeting  
City of Muskegon Heights  
March 22, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 6:09 pm with prayer by Al Nichols.

- Kudos to Larry Fife by Al Nichols for his involvement in the association.
- Residents requested to review Woodcliffe Neighborhood Goals
- Quarterly meeting dates for association: April 19, July 19, October 18.
- Must determine how to communicate meeting dates and other information to residents.
- Incident forms from police dept. were passed around. These forms are to be used to report crimes in the neighborhood.

Agenda Items:

1. **General Membership Election (nomination):**

**President** - Al Nichols was nominated, and he accepted

**Vice President** - Larry Fife was nominated he accepted

**Treasurer** - Ricky Jackson was nominated and he declined

Pat Minot was nominated, and she declined

Mildred Johnson was nominated, and she declined

Mr. King was nominated, and he declined

Vernonell Smith was nominated and he declined

Mike McDaniel was nominated, and he accepted

**Secretary** - Lynette Fife nominated accepted.

Mr. Nichols indicated there may be a need to apply for a 501c document.

2. Block captain update:

5 streets that need block captains

- Woodcliffe = Dartanya Hayes
- Overbrook Drive = Kevin McKinney
- Lincoln Avenue = Larry Fife
- Overbrook Street = None identified yet
- Fielstra = None identified yet

Block captain description: Al Nichols has this.

3. Neighborhood Concerns:

- Potholes: waiting on asphalt machine to better address potholes.
- Street sign (Overbrook & Woodcliffe). In process of sign replacement for faded out signs
- Overbrook Drive vs Overbrook Street

- Need for speed sign on Fielstra. What is the procedure to have this issue addressed? Vernonell Smith indicated that a portable speed sign could be used to assess the pattern of speeding.
- Contractor concern: When a contractor does a job for their customer there is often debris left in the street and near bordering property. How to make sure job addressed does not impact other neighbors?
- Leaf burning: what is the burn ordinance/process to eliminate this practice? Fire dept/police dept has been engaged in this concern. Fire dept should be called for this violation.
- Lot on Overbrook (across from 523 Overbrook) is overgrown but there is a fire hydrant there. No one is keeping it clean and in the event of a fire, the hydrant is currently inaccessible. This is a city owned lot and will be addressed with City Manager (Vernonell Smith will address with Jake).

#### 4. Beautification Committee (Larry Fife)

- Neighborhood appeal blockers noted by the Beautification Committee
- Yard of the month planned to recognize exemplary yard care
  - Concern: must ask homeowner before placing sign in yard
  - Concern: cost of water affects ability to keep a green lawn
- April is neighborhood yard clean-up month
- City yard waste pickup starts 4/3/18
- Signs for Kustom Kreations that are low to the ground. Address with owner b/c these signs are blocking the view of oncoming traffic on the corner of Summit & Getty.
- Target yards to be cleanup by 4/30/18.
- Bordering businesses have been requested to spruce up their property

What is estimated cost to repair Woodcliffe Drive? Although there are City funds available, Woodcliffe is not slated to receive any funding for the next 3 years. Who is slated to receive money?

Can the association write a grant to receive funds?

Nurturing positive feedback to business who are in Muskegon Heights.

#### Wrap-Up (Al Nichols)

Hold Committee accountable for their responsibilities and prioritize action list. The NAM (Neighborhood Association of Michigan conference will be held on 9/21 – 22) Each neighborhood should bring 4-5 top priorities for their area. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.

Closing remarks: Should the Woodcliffe Neighborhood Association (WNA) be working with other neighborhoods in the city? Response: We should first work to get a handle on what is going on in Woodcliffe.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm with a prayer by Al Nichols.