

Muskegon Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
Woodcliffe Association
April 19, 2018
Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 6:15 pm with prayer by Larry Fife.
- Previous agenda was read by Lynette Fife and approved.
- All attendees were requested to enter their contact information on the sign-in sheet.

Regarding the Agenda:

Street Repair Woodcliffe Neighborhood:

- Potholes will be filled, eventually, calls to DPW have been made to address neighborhood potholes.
- A Woodcliffe Dr. resident stated the pothole repair process needs to be addressed to make repairs last longer.
- There is a three-year plan regarding city street major repair. The Woodcliffe neighborhood is not part of the three-year street improvement plan.
- To reconstruct Woodcliffe Drive a **Special Assessment** is required. Estimated Special Assessment cost for reconstruction is \$462,829.34. At 4% on bonds amortized annually, cost is \$616,081.84 or **\$41,072.12** per year for Woodcliffe Drive property owners to split proportionately based on property linear footage facing Woodcliffe Drive. Typical repayment period is 15 years. **Note**, these costs are for informational purposes only, there is no plan to pursue Woodcliffe Drive reconstruction.
- Larry has been asked to find out if the cost can be shared by all Woodcliffe neighborhood residents.
- Lincoln Court Curb Repair: estimate is **\$6,610** for removing the existing traffic island and placing asphalt in its place.

City Street Repair

- Reviewed a partial city street reconstruction/repair plan for 2018. An update will be given the next meeting as all the information wasn't made available for review.

Neighborhood Handbook Review

Citizen's Handbook has been released and was handed out to attendees who do not have email. For those who shared their email address, the handbook will be distributed via email. Handbook is also available on Facebook and the City of Muskegon Heights website. A hard copy can be picked-up at City Hall.

Beautification Committee Report:

- The Beautification Committee consists of the following members: Avery Burrell Jr., Dartanya Hayes, Anthony McAllister, Letha Fox, Larry Fife

Muskegon County events:

- Tire collection event dates and locations were provided, information can also be found at www.co.muskegon.mi.us
- Muskegon County Recycling Event 4/18/2018 (tires, electronics, hazardous waste, sensitive document shredding).
- Neighborhood appeal blockers were reviewed
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- Yard of the Month (YOM) will take place this summer. YOM guidelines were distributed
- Free bulk refuge stickers are available until 5/30. Items that stickers may be used for are “landfill” items only.
- Muskegon Heights Dumpster days are: 5/12 & 5/19.

There will be a street sweeper coming into the neighborhood this year? Why one time (address w/City Manager)?

Discussion regarding obtaining extra meter to offset cost of water bill for watering grass. There is an installation cost for a 2nd meter.

How can our association get funding for cutting trees on Overbrook St. to help the street/area dry-out? This would be to help the street look better.

Neighborhood concerns:

- The open Fielstra Block Captain position was filled: Avery Burrell, Jr.
- Overbrook St. Block Captain position: **Open**
- Speed sign for Fielstra: City Manager proposed putting up a speed sign.
- Kustum Kreation: restricted view of Getty’s southbound traffic at Summit is due to the position of the fence. Summit St. eastbound drivers must drive close to the stop line to view Getty St. southbound traffic.

Treasurer:

- Would like to have a bottle drive to create cash for expenses, i.e. yard-of-month signs etc. Also, a community donation of perhaps \$5 or \$10/month per resident was proposed.
- “About Town” paper needs a rubber band or plastic sleeve. Must meet with publishers of this paper to make this happen.
- Account to be set-up for Neighborhood Association Funds.
- Muskegon Heights Police Athletic League has a kid’s baseball league. Looking for donation to help the little-league baseball team.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm with a prayer by Larry Fife.