

Meeting Minutes – Revitalizing Neighborhoods Committee 2/17/09

- I. Call to order/Introductions  
Present: Gail Heffner; Paul Haan; Ben Stehouwer; Russ Lewis; Christine Helms-Malectic; Mike Williams; Kevin Wesselink; Frank Lynn; Chris Thompson  
  
Paul called the meeting to order at 9:40
- II. Member Recruitment  
Paul began a discussion of the need to recruit new members. Diversity became the center of the discussion. The need to recruit members one on one became clear. Mike Williams had some ideas on people who should be contacted.
- III. Energy Conservation Workshops  
February 18 an energy workshop will be held for the Neighborhood Business Alliance. Phil Wilson and Kevin Cook will present. John Wisnewski will talk about successes at Fulton Auto.
- IV. Zoning Workshop for Neighborhood Associations to be held February 25 at MSU at 11:30. Lunch will be served. Free code books and neighborhood maps will be provided. For neighborhood staff only.
- V. Zoning Presentations scheduled  
February 24 at Creston Business Association, Christine will do that. February 25 at Eastown, Frank will do. The need to do others and some suggestions were discussed.
- VI. Neighborhood Indicators Project update  
Kevin lead a discussion of proposed changes to the Indicators. Economic diversity was to be determined by household income. In Transportation, building permits will be used to document new and improved commercial buildings. Curb cuts were included with sidewalks and the car dependency indicator was removed. For environmental sustainability, rain gardens were included as an indicator, per capita was added to carbon footprint and after much discussion LEED certified buildings were left in. There was considerable discussion about what constituted “strong organizations.” The use of attendance sheets and minutes from meetings as suggested to indicators.
- VII. Energy Conservation Project  
A possible collaboration with ASCET and WMEAC was suggested. ASCET has a significant amount of stimulus dollars for energy conservation.
- VIII. Next Meeting  
Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30 AM