

## ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes January 7, 2015

Meeting called to order by Nancy 7:00 pm. Introductions made around the room

Bob Perialas from BWL requested phone numbers if you want a call or text about weather related info.

LPD- Officer Garrett Hamilton He was off for most of December. His focus in Jan will be to work on getting the homeless out of the doorways and from behind businesses. They are just looking for shelters. The organizations that help the homeless are trying to get more beds during the colder weather time. There are new tenants in the downstairs portion in the house on Foster. There have not been any problems with them. Garrett is talking to landlords about who they are renting too. Suggestion was made about also making sure the houses are registered and ok with the city's code enforcement.

City Council member- Jody Washington She thanked everyone for all your well wishes for her and her husband Frank. He is much better. On Monday the council voted on new leadership Derrick Quinney has President and Tina Houghton has VP. Committees will be changing. She has asked not be the head of public safety committee this year since it is a very time consuming committee and if she decides to run for reelection she will need time to campaign. Much of that committee's work this year will be working on the medical marijuana businesses. There may be legislature probably coming up from the state level regarding the marijuana. She was unable to get to the Signage issue and donation bin issues during her year as chair but has gathered all the information for the new chair. She held a special meeting with Chief Yankowski, the black ministers and Rev Maxwell to discuss the racial issue and only one who came was Yankowski. She wanted to address it since people in the city think there is a problem with it then she wanted to address it. (Ferguson, NY type issues) We may be losing a council member (Wood Boles and Quinney) are interested in the Ingham County Register of deeds job. Jody was open to having Tina as VP with a different person as President. She did not have a problem with Derrick or Tina just not that combination of those two together so that is why she voted no on both. She was thanked for not dealing with the dirty games that are played at council at times.

1<sup>st</sup>saturday- Jody has asked Kathie Dunbar to run the meeting in her absence. Feb 7<sup>th</sup> is the meeting at 10:30 at Allen Market Place (AMP)

Sparrow- No construction on the Bingham property will start in the spring more than likely. Denise will know more hopefully after the ABC meeting next Monday. Jody mentioned that the quad is meeting next Thursday with Dennis Swain and John Shaski.

BWL- Bob Perialas Text messaging is now available. You can can txt bwl 898295 if your cell phone has been identified as a contact number. It will go thru if not then it should ask for the first 4 numbers of the social security number on file with BWL. To make sure that you can use all of the ways to contact them with outages; it is best to make sure they have all our contact numbers and social security numbers on file with BWL. They are headed to a 24/7 call center again but now they have a contract with a answering service. They are working on changing from the default 24 hr time to 6 hours' time frame for when your power will be restored. It will go to be determined until they know for sure when it is going to be restored.

A question was asked about the seniors/physically challenged for making a list for wellness checks during an emergency. They will give the basic information to neighborhood leaders to help with that if needed but no personal details such as SSN.

Thanked the BWL for all the hard work that they have put in since the ice storm in 2013. Please take the thanks back to Peter Lark and the administration. Bob agreed to do that.

Eastern High/Post Oak are looking for volunteers to work at their schools. Eastern's PTSA meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30pm in the Social Room. Contact the school if interested in helping them.

Elections- Nancy will pass around the election slate for board elections in April per our bylaws it needs to be passed around at the Jan and Feb meetings and then presented at the March meeting. She encouraged people to run for the offices.

Speedway project- Many people from the Eastside worked very hard on this project. The Speedway Corporate has pulled the expansion plan. Nothing will happen to the station until it is a safety issue then Speedway Corp will close the station down and walk away since they did not get their plans approved. Thank you to all who worked hard on it. Sad that Speedway would not go for it.

Treasurers report- none Theresa will email it out to the board members soon.

Spring Souper- Denise It is set for Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 4-6:30 at Pattengill. We passed out the flyers, donation letter, and signup sheets. There was a question about the CARE group. I am hoping to have a person come to the Feb. if Nancy is ok with it to a presentation.

ANC-Denise Paquette passed out the current Eastside Neighbor. Walk and talk with Andi Crawford at 2pm at strange matter coffee then end at AMP on Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Walk on Wednesdays at 8 am and Saturdays at 10 am to earn market coins in the AMP.

Brian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Denise P. It passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
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ENO Secretary