

District 4 Community Advisory Council
Approved Minutes
November 8, 2021
Bethany Lutheran Church

- I. Called to order: 07:14 PM EST
Roll Call: Scotty Boman, Chairperson
Gregory Creswell, Secretary
Sandra Turner-Handy
Karen Knox, Vice Chairperson
Jocelyn Harris, Senior Issues Representative
- a) Latisha Johnson, Councilmember elect (4th District Representative)*
b) Guests: Judy Pensyl, Erika Bryant Cornelius Nelson, and Timothy J. Melton.
Dennis M. Bryant, CAC-D4 member elect
Karen Patterson, President. Dickerson Block Club
Adrian L. Green, CAC-D4 member elect

Introductions:

Latisha Johnson newly elected City Council member introduced herself. Mrs. Johnson will be sworn in early December because of the vacancy of that office.

Dennis M. Bryant newly elected to the CAC-D4 office introduced himself.

Adrian L. Green newly elected to the CAC-D4 office introduced himself.

- II. Adoption of the Agenda: Moved by Sandra Turner-Handy & Seconded by Gregory Creswell. Passed by unanimous roll-call vote.
- III. Approval of October minutes. Secretary Gregory Creswell read the minutes. The following changes were made: On the subject matter of “youth members,” there were two names, however, 1 person was not interested and the other person was not reachable. So Scotty Boman was making a clarification. Also Sandra made changes by highlighting them. Scotty had recommended some names for appointments to serve as a youth member.
Motion to adopt as amended minutes by Sandra Turner-Handy & Seconded by Gregory Creswell.
Passed by unanimous roll-call vote.
- IV. Discussion:
- a) Scotty Boman recommended some names for appointments. Councilmember-elect Johnson pointed out that Newly elected council members will have to fill those vacant spots, and recommending people at this time wouldn't be appropriate. Scotty Boman mentioned that Tammie Black had run as a write-in candidate and would have been elected except for not filing required documents. Ultimately, the Chair conceded the point that it was inappropriate and encouraged individuals to send recommendations to Councilmember Latisha Johnson when she is seated.
- b) Chairperson Boman noted that Washington Youson has been absent during the meeting in August, September, and October.
- V. Unfinished Business:
- a) Planning a letter or news conference on the availability of side-lots and other apparent unfairness concerning resident living north of I-94 in district 4. Sandra Turner-Handy believes that the time

to address this is when a new City Council is sworn in, and the full City Council is seated. Along with the new CAC-D4 elected body being seated.

Sandra Turner-Handy moved to table this issue until December's meeting (12.13.2021). Handy & Seconded by Gregory Creswell. Passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

b) Current community concerns. Plans of action.

- i. Scotty-A meeting with the full body of the city council. Once a year. Also with the Mayor.
- ii. Sandra -states that on the third Monday of each month, she is in Lansing.
- iii. Dennis Bryant- spoke of his concerns about evictions around 6 mile/Connor and 6 mile/Gunston also flooding due to ice buildup and then it melts. He works for DHS (full disclosure).
- iv. Scotty -asked if anyone knew of damaged furnaces, partials reimbursements for damaged furnaces, replaced etc. due to the water department negligence's.
- v. Sandra- points out that ClearCorps Detroit has the DTE program handles repairs as it pertains to replaces thermostats, non working furnaces, central air, etc. She will forward all of the information to Scotty. ClearCorps phone number is 313.924.4000. Also DTE is replacing windows for renters with owners consent.
- vi. Dennis Bryant-spoke of their website: ClearcorpsDetroit.org. He also adds low income homeowner, DTE will replace your hot water tank.
- vii. Vice Chairperson Karen Patterson-asked about Chrysler's new plant air quality results.
- viii. Sandra -says the MI EGLE (environment great lakes and energy) air quality division is checking to see if there are toxins, the odor, chemical, etc.
- ix. Dennis Bryant -added that there are plans to protest Stellantis.
- x. Latisha -states that EGLE has taken enforcements action against Stellantis twice, and there maybe a third. It is helping out the neighborhood with the fight.
- xi. Dennis Bryant -advances affordable houses. Get legal help for those who are being evicted. There may be \$60 Million to \$138 Million for legal assistance for tenants.
- xii. Scotty -made a point that a lady went on vacation, someone broke into her home, changed her locks and address. When she returned home, someone claimed her property.
- xiii. Dennis Bryant -supports an amendment to protect property owners, tenants, etc.
- xiv. Erika Bryant-brings the 5th amendment rights into focus for court appointed attorneys for tenants.
- xv. Dennis Bryant- mentions Philly, Toledo, Seattle offers lawyers for tenants. Detroit does not offer it. But there are resources.
- xvi. Councilmember-elect Latisha Johnson is aware of some lawyers trying to make it happen in Detroit.
- xvii. Karen Patterson-\$800 Thousand was given to Stellantis from Chrysler. She spoke to Mr. Henderson, she is wondering what is it being used for. What is going on?
- xviii. Councilmember-elect Latisha Johnson - suggest that someone should contact the (NAC) neighborhood advisory council for information.
- xix. Karen Knox-spoke about sidewalks and lots.
- xx. Councilmember-elect Latisha Johnson & Karen Knox talked about a particular neighborhood park. The sidewalk is ruined, the tree is up lifting, the address in question is 12145 Glenfield.
- xxi. Sandra-will contact DPW Director Ron Bundridge.
- xxii. Chairperson Scotty Boman asked Tammie Black to introduce herself and advocated for herself to be appointed to the CAC-D4 via city councilmember Latisha Johnson elect.
- xxiii. Chairperson Scotty Boman asked Sandra Turner-Handy to speak on being about herself to be appointed to the Senior Issues Representative spot.

VI. New Business:

- a) Election Results. Chairperson indicated that Dennis Bryant was elected as the only balloted candidate, but Rose Jones, Jocelyn Harris, and Adrian Green were elected as the only properly documented write-in candidates.
- b) Redistricting will happen but we just don't when, where, and how will the boundaries effect the CAC's look.

VII. Reports:

- a) Sandra will contact Pastor Gladden, of Mt. Calvary or Charity Lutheran Churches about our December 13th meeting site.

VIII. Public Comments:

Sandra Turner-Handy suggested A Neighborhood Police Officer, Lester Johnson could be helpful with resolving complaints. Chairperson Scotty Boman said to please contact the police commissioner board. Also, Sandra said to please contact Sgt. Renaldo Turner of DPD/9th precinct about any complaints.

Guests didn't find the need for additional comments.

IX. Adjournment:

Scotty Boman moved to adjourn (orders of the day). The "motion" was seconded by Secretary Gregory Creswell. Adjournment passed by unanimous roll-call vote.

Adjourned/time: 9:28PM

* Councilmember-elect Latisha Johnson was scheduled to be seated in December 2021 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Andre' Spivey. She holds this office at the time of the December meeting.