

**Regular August Meeting Minutes\***  
**Monday, 08.09.2021**

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**Distract 4 Community Advisory Council Meeting called to order: 7:17 PM**  
**Meeting location: Skinner Playground near Denby High School**

Roll call: Scotty Boman, Chairperson  
Gregory Creswell, Secretary  
Jocelyn Harris Harris, Senior Issues  
Sandra Turner-Handy, Appointed Member

Guests:

Zelda Anderson  
Bea Hamilton-via Zoom

Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved: Gregory Creswell. Seconded: Jocelyn Harris.

Vote: All officers voted yea.

Reading of the minutes - Sandra Turner-Handy

Adoption of amended minutes:

Moved: Gregory Creswell.

Seconded: Sandra Turner-Handy.

vote: All of the officers voted yea.

Adoption of special meeting minutes:

Moved: Sandra Turner-Handy.

Seconded (as amended): Gregory Creswell

Vote: All of the officers voted yea.

Presentations, Hearings, and Discussions

Scotty Boman: Coalition & Property Tax Justice group (CPTJ) was allowed to appear but did not.

Scotty Boman: Members & Council Reps are encouraged to attend.

Unfinished Business

Sandra Turner-Handy & Scotty Boman: There was a discussion about the special meeting (07.26.2021). It was not official because there was not a quorum.

New Business

Zelda Anderson: mentions proposal N.

Sandra Turner-Handy: commercial property.

Zelda Anderson & Sandra Turner-Handy: Landbank problems i.e. where are the funds, the applications, lots for sale, the contracts, the loans, etc.

Sandra Turner-Handy: some properties have boarded-up windows, tall grass, etc.

Zelda Anderson & Sandra Turner-Handy: talked about a plan as it pertains to land & lots, etc. Residents must go to the neighborhood managers with information in black in white, addresses, etc.

Sandra Turner-Handy: Duggan is trying to keep the land & lots out of the hands of speculators, outsiders, etc.

Sandra Turner-Handy: Will send us a letter as it pertains to land & lots, etc.

Sandra Turner-Handy: Business liaison was mentioned.

Mary Lloyd helps with flooded basements.

Sandra Turner-Handy & Scotty Boman: spoke of low & zero-interest loans.

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Sandra Turner-Handy & Zelda Anderson: Believes that the government of Detroit is blocking the selling of land & lots, etc.

Scotty Boman & Sandra Turner-Handy & Zelda Anderson: discussed the attendance of elected officials.

All: Detroit residents need a champion on the city council.

All: Some residents are cleaning up vacant lots.

Sandra Turner-Handy: plans on sending a detailed letter with all of the neighborhood leader's names attached to it via mail.

Sandra Turner-Handy: Said she met with Duggan.

Jocelyn: promoted "land justice".

Someone mentioned "Great Lakes Water Authority."

Zelda Anderson: Outsiders buy & hold land and within 3 years the residents watch as that property deteriorates.

Zelda Anderson: Is advocating for laws to combat deteriorating lots & buildings & land, etc.

Scotty Boman & Sandra Turner-Handy: CAC-DA, by law, at least there must be 4 meetings, however, we have had meetings every month via zoom & in person ever since February 2021.

Sandra Turner-Handy: Wants to address the issue of the absence of elected CDC-D4 elected officials.

## VII. Reports

ALL: Discussion of a press conference in September & October.

10:AM sounds good. On Flanders Street between Hayes and Queens Street.

The idea is to include other District groups like CDC's. Some residents are trying to maintain certain properties and the government is putting up roadblocks. Also, other issues are not being addressed.

motion & Sandra Turner-Handy: Friday, 09.17.2021 10:AM-tentative (for the press conference).

Seconded & Zelda Anderson:

Vote: All voted yea.

## Public Comment

Jocelyn Harris: discussion about the flooding in Detroit neighborhoods. She gave praise to the volunteers. She mentions Mary Lloyd's disaster relief non-profit. Time limits, applications, homeowners insurance, insurance riders, FEMA, etc. Submitting forms to FEMA, SBA, etc.

Insert into the next agenda: The flooding in Detroit.

## Adjournment

The is adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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