

**Minutes**  
**Regular CAC Meeting October 11, 7:00 PM**  
**East Lake Baptist Church. 12400 E. Jefferson Ave Detroit MI 48215**

**Meeting called to order: 7:16 pm**

**Present:** Scotty Boman-chairperson-elected  
Gregory Creswell-secretary-elected  
Sandra Turner Handy-appointed  
Jocelyn Harris-Senior Issues Representative -appointed

**Guest/citizens:** Bob Sisler-Jeff/Chalmers Community Group  
Stanley Harris  
Bert Johnson  
Latisha Johnson  
Rose Jones  
Ulysses Jones  
Bradleigh Merrill-city employee/community staff/present by directive of council president  
313.296.8739 merrillb@detroitmi.gov  
Moudou Baqui-President/Spokesperson of Decriminalize Nature Detroit

**Motion to adopt agenda:** Sandra Turner Handy

Amendment to the agenda adopted motion: Sandra/change from a special meeting to a regular meeting.

Seconded it: Jocelyn to changed from special to a regular meeting.

Votes: unanimous

Motion to adopt agenda/amended: Gregory Creswell

Seconded it: Jocelyn Harris

Votes: unanimous

Motion to adopt corrected minutes: Jocelyn Harris

Seconded it: Gregory Creswell

Votes: unanimous

**Topics:**

Flooding update:

- 1) Bob Sisler: He believes gov't has failed the citizens. He blames privatization. President Reagan and Mayor Young worked together to serve the citizens in Detroit as it pertains to the water department.
- 2) Jocelyn Harris believes St. Senator Stephanie Chang was helpful. A grant (a portion of \$10 million) was issued to parts of Detroit affected by the flood. There are still health issues, damages to homes, sewerage backups, etc. FEMA is moving to Southfield.
- 3) According to Sandra Turner Handy: some people are forced to take out loans that some can not afford.
- 4) Jocelyn Harris: spoke of a letter being created to send to the proper persons. It also includes a press release.
- 5) City staffer Bradleigh Merrill asked for a copy of the letter and press release. To assist in the effort in receiving the grant, getting a response, also there a deadline. The date is 11.12.2021. The Eastside Community Network team (571.2800) is willing to help out. The CAC-D4 is willing to sign the letter too, via registered mail with a timeline.
- 6) Stanley Harris: He mentioned that he has a personal involvement, there was a flood about 4 or 5 years ago in the basement. As a result of the constant flooding, he has a foot infection. He has hired contractors to try and solve the problem(s). Contacted the city.
- 7) Jocelyn: made a point of highlighting health issues at senior buildings, i.e. Dickerson Manor. There was a resource fair at an Eastlake site.

8) Sandra Turner Handy: spoke of Stephanie Chang held a press conference in the Jeff/Chalmers neighborhood.

**Election Issues:**

9) Guest Speaker/Proposal E: President/Spoke Person Moudou Baqui of Decriminalize Nature Detroit: Advocated for the passing of Prop E. Effective against depression, non-addiction, it helps to fight PTSD.

10) Bert Johnson: this is a decriminalization effort by putting this on the ballot. If it passes it would be a low priority when it comes to law enforcement via the police department and county prosecuting office.

11) Jocelyn Harris: This ballot issue "gave her pause". She has "lots of questions". "How did it get onto the ballot" so quickly? We don't want "another drug-induced into our community".

12) Bert Johnson: We will provide you with the information within 24 hours. Robert Shumate has suffered PTSD and his family suffered's from ADHD. "We needed 3,862 signatures, we got double that number". The federal gov't has a history of misinformation when it comes to drugs.

13) Scotty: Mentioned proposal's "R" and "S". Some discussions were made about them both. And also the issue of questionable property permitting practices, side-lot. purchasing, etc.

14) Jocelyn Harris, Sandra Turner Handy, and Scotty Boman: To some voters, most proposals are confusing. STH said that she used to work in the state legislature.

15) Sandra Turner Handy: Asked did we get the name of the **youth member**. Scotty answered "no."\*\* Sandra Turner Handy who is/was on Denby's school advisory group will contact Mrs. Manningham. About selecting a youth member.

\*\* Scotty Boman clarified that there were originally two people recommended for appointment, and he was unable to reach Mary Dann-Atkinson (Parent of aspiring youth member), and the other youth was no longer interested in being appointed.

16) Jocelyn: talks about **speed humps**: Sandra states that DPW is picking the sites. Gregory clarified the differences between humps and bumps. The DPW director lives in our district. Can we schedule the DPW director for one of our meetings? Speed humps/bumps will not be located near police/fire stations. Bradleigh made some good points about their possible locations. She said the criteria for those locations are as follows; using a data approach, citizens requests, number of children in the neighborhood, vacancy of the street, the proximity of schools and parks, and crash history. DPW's phone number is 313.334.3901

17) Latisha Johnson: Spoke about **sidewalks**. Of course, DPW should be contacted. And she also brought up proposal "S" too.

18) Open discussion: **Explaining Proposal "R"**.

**Motion to adjourn:** Sandra Turner-Handy

Second/to adjourn: Jocelyn Harris.

Vote/adjourned. Unanimous.

**Time/adjourn:** 9:14PM