

District #4 CAC Meeting
October 13th 2023
Hosted by Friends of City Airport
11499 Conner BLDG 2
Detroit, MI 48213

Pre-meeting: Prayer and “thank you” to Keith Hines from Friends of City Airport. Acknowledged Wayne County Commissioner Melisa Daub 10th District (verify).

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

A. Meeting called to order. Chairperson Jocelyn Harris welcomes community members to the meeting, and called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

B. Roll Call:

Chairperson Jocelyn Harris, Present
Vice Chairperson Dennis Bryant, Present
Secretary Scotty Boman, Present
Recording Secretary Rose Jones, Present
CAC Parliamentarian Adrian Green, Absent
Treasurer (Senior Issues Representative) Sandra Turner Handy
Ruth Zungunde (Youth Member), Present (Attending via Zoom)

C. Community attendance:

Community: Donna (Chandler park area), PO Pride (District 2 resident), Linda Campbell (People’s Platform), Jenell, Dixon (District 4), Theresa Williams from District 7 CAC, Deborah Wheatfield from District 3 homeowner (and Recall LLC), Cynthia Saxon (Morningside), Mark Owens (Samaritan Center), Deborah Ann (District 4) (speaking on Cannabis), Beverly Kindle Walker (District 1 County Commissioner Tim Killeen’s office), Ramone Jackson (author), Newly elected District 3? CAC Member, ... Lord (D4), Brenda Butler (Chandler Park neighborhood resident), Michelle Jackson Chair Chandler Pk neighborhood organization. Former Representative Cynthia Johnson. Lory Parks (District #4), Sandra from Senator Chang’s office (online), Beverly Brown (MEC), Deborah Mayfield, District 11 State Rep Veronika Paiz, Gwen Peoples (District 4), Cookie Moore (Cornerstone Village), Bobby Morris from House Speaker Joe Tate’s office.

II. Adoption of Agenda

Secretary Scotty Boman moved to have the scheduling of Charter mandated meetings with the Mayor and City Council added to the agenda. There were no other changes.

Recording Secretary Rose Jones moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Treasurer (Senior Issues Representative) Sandra Turner Handy seconded the motion.

Approved by a vote of all present.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Chair recognized Brenda Butler and she asked that minutes be posted online. The Secretary affirmed that approved minutes get posted.

Secretary Scotty Boman read the minutes and Community Brenda Butler mentioned errors including the misspelling of “Stellentis.”

Vice Chairperson Dennis Bryant moved to approve the minutes.

Treasurer (Senior Issues Representative) Sandra Turner Handy seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by all members who were present and attending.

IV. Presentations, Hearings, and Discussions

A. *Treasurer’s Report: -\$50 + Printer Ink Cost. “Zero balance.” Eastside Community Network (ECN) is the fiduciary.

Chairperson Jocelyn Harris reminded the community that the City Charter prohibits CAC members from receiving taxpayer funds.

Recording Secretary Rose Jones moved to approve the Treasurer’s report.

Secretary Scotty Boman seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report approved by all members who were present and attending.

Cynthia A. Johnson commented that we be careful to make all financial decisions publicly. Members assured her that they had.

B. Introduction of Workgroups:

- Brenda Butler now leading Governance. Invited other community members to join. Kinda Anderson stood up to be recognized. *[Note: At the meeting on September 19th Taxation was combined with governance. Elizabeth “Liz” Core, Kinda Anderson, Minya Irby, and Mark (?) volunteered.]*
- Communications: Toinu may lead. *[Note: At the meeting on September 19th La’Tice Covington stepped up.]*
- Seeking more volunteers for Land (Incl. Environmental issues & Blight): Michelle Jackson volunteered. *[Note: At the meeting on September 19th Elizabeth “Liz” Core, Ora Brown-Davis stepped up.]*
- Community Development
- Essential needs and food *[Note: At the meeting on September 19th Jackie & Bobbie Tobar stepped up.]*
- Safety & Security *[Note: At the meeting on September 19th Sharita Pierce, Angelo Brook & Sharita Pierce stepped up.]*

V. Unfinished Business

A. Meeting Schedule. Vice Chairperson Dennis Bryant brought up the idea that attendance could drop due to cold weather. He suggested having meetings on Zoom, having a hybrid meeting or having an informal holiday party in November... and not meeting in December, January and February. He opened the floor and Lory Parks commented in favor of keeping a hybrid format.

Chairperson Jocelyn Harris mentioned that a November Holiday party was also on the floor. She polled community members on the options. A majority of community members polled wanted a holiday party in November.

[Note: No formal motion or vote completed on the November meeting during this portion of the meeting.]

VI. New Business

A. Secretary Scotty Boman made a motion to be granted permission to write a letter by email to the Mayor and members of the City Council requesting a meeting with each, as mandated by the Charter, and that we can discuss details among ourselves prior to the next meeting. Community member LaMar Lemmons seconded the motion and community member Brenda Butler told him only CAC members could second a motion.

Brenda Butler asked members to indicate what would be on their agenda before scheduling the Charter mandated meeting. Harris mentioned a meeting that had no agenda (apparently in January 2023).

Boman made the point that the CAC could schedule the meeting in advance and plan the agenda afterwards.

Harris commented on the need to plan more ahead of a special meeting.

Former Detroit School Board member LaMar Lemmons commented on the failure to follow some form of parliamentary procedure, specifically pointing out that we were not following Robert's Rules of Order.

Kinda Anderson suggested circulating a Google Doc to get input.

Former State Representative Cynthia Johnson mentioned that we all sign a publicized letter addressing 3 key issues.

Boman amended the motion to circulate a questionnaire to the community about what should be on the letter, then each sign the letter.

Chairperson Harris moved to table the motion.

Secretary Boman made a Point of information directed to Latisha Johnson.

Chairperson Harris then moved to table to December and have a holiday party in November.

Reporting Secretary Rose Jones said we are required to do it in the Charter, but no dates are specified. So she moved to have the meeting(s) in January or February.

Sandra Turner Handy made a motion to amend the secretary's motion to state: *Get input from the community then have the Secretary draft a letter requesting a meeting with the Mayor and City Council for January or February of 2024.*

Seconded by Dennis Bryant.

Chairperson Harris called all previous questions and the motion **passed** in a vote with no objections.

VII. Reports

A. Report by Linda Campbell of the Detroit People's Platform:

- Summarized their history
- Current activities in community organizing with emphasis on concerns of low to middle income people.
- Building coalitions.
- People effected by Stellantis environmental harm.
- She enumerated local legislation they supported.
- Supportive of libraries and schools.
- They provided a handout with details.
- Linda Campbell mentioned that they are a non-profit that supported the CAC and want to help us out.

B. Input on partnering with Detroit People's Platform:

Treasurer (Senior Issues Representative) Sandra Turner Handy moves to accept the Detroit People's Platform as an ally on multiple issues including environmental justice.

Vice Chairperson Dennis Bryant seconded the motion.

Motion passed without opposition

Recording Secretary **Rose Jones moves** to have the Detroit People's Platform work along-side our work groups.

Boman made a request for information: He asked if the Detroit People's Platform would agree to go along with that motion. The affirmed their willingness to help.

Seconded by Treasurer Sandra Turner Handy.

No vote. This motion appeared to be accepted **without objection**.

C. Kinda Anderson (who is the Motor City Youth Group President) provided a legislative update:

Ms. Anderson Went to Lansing Twice about (legislation to allow) Land Value Tax on the ballot. Speaking to a community consensus against the bills.

About 14 people went on the first trip.

The legislation was still on the floor in Lansing. It Not passed yet.

Kinda Anderson engaged residents of Detroit as well as her own tenants, prior to going to Lansing.

HB 4966 was part of the legislation.

* The **Treasurer's report** was made in the "Presentations, Hearings, and Discussions" portion of the meeting.

VIII. Public Comment

Comment on Zoom:

A. Rep Veronica Paiz Shared a link and asked a question:

House Fiscal Analysis as of Oct. 4: http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2023-2024/billanalysis/House/pdf/2023-HLA-4966-E575CBE7.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2_316hvAqEJXIMHM-MrL0cCsYKOL2mCXhWazBakIEI-_ci8pSv0shkV_0

Some of my colleagues believe this should be a matter for Detroit voters to decide (not the House -- therefore it would be a Yay vote for Detroiters to work out). Thoughts?

B. Toinu (Pronounced Toy-New) economist: Regarding Land Value Tax related legislation: Toini called it experimental. \$600 Million more needed to update collections. Increase in prices at businesses who's taxes go up.

Other comments (texted in) included: The responsibility of the Legislature is to ensure the policy is suitable to be placed as a question before voters. [Directed to Representative Veronica Paiz].

C. Intern Sandra Perez-Gonzales from Senator Stephanie Chan's office: Thank you for sharing and including me in this community space. If you have any concerns, questions, or issues you need support with please contact us!

Ruth Zungunde to You (Direct Message) 8:30 PM

Yes I can, thank you

Sandra (Sen. Chang Office) to Everyone 8:31 PM

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Announcements in person:

D. Latisha Johnson's representative Dennis Perkins announced a meeting on the Land Value Tax at Community Christian Fellowship. 8131 East Outer Drive on Monday October 16th at 5:30 PM. There is a vote on October 10th.

E. Comments from Lory Parks.

F. Cynthia Johnson urges people to focus on Lansing where votes can be called abruptly.

G. Kinda Anderson restates need to go to Lansing rather than attending local meetings that conflict with the state schedule.

H. Bobby Lawrence from Speaker Joe Tate's office. He pulled the legislation because there was not enough time to get input from the people. Tabled for a November 2024 Election Vote.

Comment on Zoom:

I. Toinu: Also commented on Joe Tate having Cynthia Johnson removed from the floor.

IX. Adjournment

9:15 PM. Treasurer (Senior Issues Representative) Sandra Turner Handy Moves to Adjourn
Vice Chairperson Dennis Bryant Seconds the motion.