

**Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association**  
PO Box 1224 Muskegon Michigan 49443

Minutes for Annual Membership Meeting February 21, 2009

1. President Marcia Hovey-Wright called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. at Nelson Place. 25 members attended out of 46 currently paid members. Quorum established.
2. Directors present: Irene Cooper, Bill Wright, Greg Borgman, Bob Bosch, Dollie Hippchen, Larry Spataro, Ann Craig, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Romella Ealom, Karen Ladd, and Helen Sherman  
Directors absent: Greg Laws, Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, and Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga with one vacancy
3. Introductions were made and the Kricks were thanked for arranging the rolls and coffee
4. The report from the January 15, 2009, strategic planning meeting was reviewed. The projects were assigned to current committees with discussion that some additional committees for senior and youth programs may need to be added at the organizational meeting in March. A Committee Interest sign up sheet was circulated.
5. Bill Wright presented the proposed 2009 budget. *Bill Krick moved and Rebecca Flowers seconded to adopt the 2009 Budget with the \$100 Misc. Income transferred to the Interest Income line. Motion approved by voice vote.*
6. Marcia Hovey-Wright presented the Healthy Neighborhoods grant on behalf of Jill Montgomery-Keast. The grant is \$60,000 through the Muskegon County Department of Health to be focused on community gardens and park improvements.
7. Marcia Hovey-Wright presented on the possibility of sponsoring an AmeriCorps volunteer. This will require a multi-partner collaboration to host, sponsor, and supervise the AmeriCorps member. If approved the AmeriCorps member will focus on implementing the goals as established in the strategic planning meeting.
8. Bob Bosch presented the Nominating Committee Report. Ann Craig, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Bill Krick, Karen Ladd, Rebecca Flowers, and Norman Flowers were recommended for nomination for the five open seats on the Board of Directors. Bob Bosch opened the floor for nominations. Irene Cooper nominated Bill Seeback, who declined. *Larry Spataro moved and Irene Cooper seconded to close the nominations. Motion approved by voice vote. Romella Ealom moved and Irene Cooper seconded to accept the recommendations from the Nominating Committee. Motion approved by voice vote.* Bob Bosch conducted the election

and the following members were elected to the Board of Directors for terms ending in 2012: **Ann Craig, Rebecca Flowers, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Bill Krick, and Karen Ladd.**

9. Committee reports were made for the following committees:

- Membership - Dollie Hippchen
- Communications – written report
- Activities – Marcia Hovey-Wright
- Finance – Bill Wright
- Block Clubs – Greg Borgman
- Endowment – Dollie Hippchen

*Larry Spataro moved and Greg Borgman seconded to accept the committee reports as presented and discussed. Motion approved by voice vote.*

10. Officer Scott VanderWier reported on the annual crime statistics and listened to neighborhood concerns. He reported that he will be involved as a field training officer for the four new officers recently hired by the Muskegon Police Department with three to be hired when the first four are through their field training.

11. Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence O. Spataro