

4<sup>th</sup> District Neighborhood Planning Council  
March 15, 2010

The meeting began at 6:30pm.

Location: Community Service Building Room 104

The meeting was called to order by President Ms. Beverly Bell.

**Meetings had to be change due to conflict in availability of room at the Community Service Building. No other site in the district offered a place for us to meet**

Those in attendance were:

Beverly Bell-4<sup>th</sup> District NPC President  
Tina Robinson-4<sup>th</sup> District NPC Treasurer  
Barbara Washam- Upper East Side Neighborhood Association  
Robyn Unthank – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> District group  
Michelle Billups – Quaker Hill Civic Association  
Joanne Gatewood – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> District group  
Eugene Rudder-WHA

**Note:** Mrs. Bell gave a history of the new 4<sup>th</sup> district NPC to those in attendance. Mrs. Washam would like a copy of the bylaws. We will check to see if the bylaws can be put on the cities website for all to see.

Grants for trees: Grants are available to resident for trees at Delaware Center for Horticulture at <http://www.dehort.org/> The tree grants are due by April 15, 2010. They also do backyard projects

**Committee Reports:**

**Banner update: “Welcome to the New Eastside”** The flags should be up for this spring and taken down for the winter by the city. Flag location was discussed with the group. We reminded the group that the other civic associations did not wish to have the flags in the districts that said welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> district. So the original site was used. The flags will be placed in the Eastside historic district.

**Hermann Holloway Park improvements:** Mrs. Bell provided a history and update to this project. We are still waiting on the matching funds from the city. W will be donating two benches to the Eastside Blueprint Communities pocket park in the 800 block of Spruce Street. All funds for this project will be used for materials and we are hoping that the community and volunteers will come out to do the work.

**Attendance at the 4<sup>th</sup> District NPC is too low base on the new guidelines again:**

Request was made to those in attendance to spread the word and to bring someone to the next meeting.

**Replacement NPC members:** Due to the illness of Geri Lewis Loper and the absence of Mamie Baynard at previous meetings a request was made to fill these positions was made. No one in attendance wish to elections for the NPC will be coming up in 2011. If anyone is interested they may want to start thinking about what they want to bring to the council and be prepared to put their names in for elections. All positions will be available to run for in 2011. Tina Robinson will not be running for any of the positions in 2011. New residents will be needed if the 4<sup>th</sup> district NPC is to stay active in 2011.

**Questions:**

How are projects decided on? Those in attendance at the NPC meetings make the recommendations to the NPC committee and it goes to the leadership council for approval. Eugene Rudder of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Planning council shared shares with us how they do it. A subcommittee was formed to review their projects and make recommendations on what projects they think they can do.

Mrs. Washam asked if we could do a street lighting project for next year. A discussion took place among those in attendance and it was decided that there was past project already designed that went nowhere, efforts should be made to see if the planning dept and Delmarva has this information and see if we can update it to include green lighting technology. It was agreed that we look into doing a lighting project for the 4<sup>th</sup> district. Eugene rudder will talk with Delmarva to send a representative to our next meeting. We also need to invite the planning department representative to the next meeting. It was suggested that the city do the lights and the NPC use its funds for other projects.

This would also be a good time to look at street crossing technology that tells you how much time you have to cross the street. Many of our city lights are too fast for seniors and disabled to make it safely across.

Robyn Unthank ask about having trees on the 800 block of Lombard street cut. Tree cutting is not a capital improvement project. We recommended that she contact Delaware Horticulture, her state Representative may have street funds and her council representative for resources, she was also invited to the next Eastside Blueprint Community Stakeholder's meeting on April 6, 2010 at 6:30 -8:00pm at 701 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street for updates from their projects. They also have a beautification team and she may want to work with them.

**Next meeting: April 1, 2010 at 6:30 in the Community Service Building**