

Present: Heather, MaryBeth, Flo, Tracy, Kristi, Brian, Matthias

Approve of agenda K/M

Adopt N minutes MB/B

Participatory budget meeting

Final grants from last year- all are in

Walnut Neighborhood- Kurt Rite

- Pastor at Crossroads Church (Wash and Cesar Chavez)
- House fire in one of the houses, sat vacant for over a year. Church bought the house
- Walnut Neighborhood Park, building pavilion and nice bball court
- Bridge divide between neighborhood and businesses in Old Town
- Church and neighborhood raised 50k, matched by MEDC (100k)
- 5k grant: lighting, fence separating from neighboring house
- Brian: prefer not to pay for labor unless required
- Tracy: prefer local vendors, be specific about what you want funded, include context of broader funding/project
- KJ: get letters of support

Stacey Greater Lansing Area Specialized Sports, vice chair

- Boxing studio on South side, works with at-risk youth in particular
- Wants to purchase equipment for the gym
- Tracy suggested minigrant program
- Purchase a used van to transport the student athletes all together? Look into insurance, maintenance, other options

Do we need to partner with the neighborhood where the event space is located? No, just a letter of permission they can use the space

They need a facility of over a thousand people

Next meetings:

March 10, March 17

Feb 24 5:30-7:30

Heather adjourns/Flo 6:39