

**Arcadia Neighborhood Association**  
**January 20, 2020**  
**Minutes**

**President Rex Brueggemann** called the meeting to order.

Attendance was taken.

**Minutes:** November 19, 2019 ANA meeting Minutes were approved.

**Report from, discussion with Jamie McCarthy:**

Development Project Coordinator, Jamie McCarthy from the City of Kalamazoo, presented the *City of Kalamazoo Sustainability and Climate Change Project*. One goal of the 2025 Master Plan is to “develop, adopt and maintain a Climate Action Plan and track progress.” To move this goal forward City staff, stakeholders, and community are working to create a *Sustainability Strategy*, which includes actions at the municipal and community levels.

Jamie highlighted what has been accomplished, where the project is headed, and the project organization. She also distributed individual surveys and the following email addresses for those who would choose to take the survey online:

English survey: [www.opentownhall.com/7897](http://www.opentownhall.com/7897) or

Spanish survey: [www.opentownhall.com/7950](http://www.opentownhall.com/7950)

Learn more about the Sustainability Strategy and stay up to date on new updates by visiting the projects” IK@Work website at the link below:

<http://www.imaginekalamazoo.com/projects/sustainability/>

**Report from, discussion with any other City of Kalamazoo employees in attendance:** None present.

**Old Business:**

**a) Neighborhood planning and process, report on December 20, 2019:**

Rex Brueggemann, Michael Coyle and Jim Ritsema met with City Manager, Jim Ritsema; Mayor David Anderson; Commissioners Praedel and Knott; and City staff Rebekah Kik and Christian Anderson. The goals of this meeting were to do all things necessary to amend the Imagine Kalamazoo Master Plan to redefine the Arcadia Neighborhood based on a set of maps and secondly; to communicate to City staff, the City Manager, and the Kalamazoo City Commission, that we want the “orange strip” drawn across the front of the Arcadia Neighborhood as part of the Future Land Use Map to be removed.

The **MEMORANDUM** from this meeting and the maps used to emphasize the boundaries can be found on the Arcadia Neighborhood website.

**b) Development issues/variances/zoning enforcement/orange strip:**

Rex put forth a request to Paul Schneidenbach to invite a City staff person from zoning to our next neighborhood meeting to address zoning enforcement issues.

**New Business:**

**a) Kendall walking strip project:** Goal of this project is to spruce-up a section of S. Kendall Ave. that has been abandoned. The section runs north of the barrier/cul du sac to the water field property line. A preliminary meeting to brainstorm ideas was held Wednesday evening, January 22. Results will be presented at the next Arcadia Neighborhood meeting.

**b) Arboretum Pathway:** After a number of phone calls and emails, it has been established that the pathway that runs parallel to the Arboretum Parkway is private property owned by the *Arboretum Property Owners Association*. The *Association's* activities are managed by Western Michigan University's Foundation. **Renee Pearl** is the contact person for the Foundation. One aspect of Renee's responsibilities is the maintenance of the pathway.

**All Neighborhood Meeting December 10, 2019:**

**a) Zoning Document:** The City introduced a new document titled *Community Engagement Policy: Developers and Petitioners*. How this will effect the Arcadia neighborhood will require further conversations with City Planner, Christina Anderson.

**b) Metro Transportation:** KPS students will only be allowed to ride free from 2-4 pm.

**c) Public Safety:** An additional traffic unit was added this January to enforce traffic complaints.

**d) Neighborhood Updates:** Oakland neighborhood raised the issue of too many deer. Will address this problem at the next All Neighborhood meeting.

**Next Arcadia Neighborhood Meeting: February 17**

