

# MINUTES

## SECTOR 9 MEETING

Carter St. Recreation Center

500 Carter Street

**March 20, 2008**

**Persons present:** Elston Hernandez, William Johnson, Wanda Richardson, P. Conty, Karyn Herman, Grace Ravines. Vilma Burgos-Torres, Rochelle Slater, Edna Cravens, Phillip Johnson, Craig Charles, Roberto Burgos

**Meeting started at 6:15 PM**

**Opening of meeting:** Elston welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for participating

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes dated February 21, 2008 were moved and seconded and approved unanimously

**Sector related updates:**

1. Elston informed the group that a mini-grant proposal was successfully submitted to the United Way of Rochester on behalf of the Alphonse Block Club. The united Way will notify the group by next month if they have received funding or not.
2. The group was informed that Joan Roby has resigned as the Executive Director of Group 14621 and there is going to be a going away party tonight at Norton's Pub.

**By- laws:** Copies of the current set of the Sector 9 by-laws were distributed to all the members present. Copies of the "NBN Sector 9 Roles and Responsibilities" were distributed to all the members present. It was explained that the Sector 9 Executive Committee would review and make recommended changes to the by-laws first. These recommended changes would be brought back to the full Sector for final approval.

**Membership List:** A copy of a list of members was circulated and circulated to make additions and corrections of the information

**Sector Budget:** A draft of the Sector 9 budget was circulated for any comments or feedback

**Sector 9 Website:** A hard copy of the new Sector 9 Website was distributed for review and comment.

**Party on the Bridge:** Karyn Herman presented information about the "Party on the Bridge" annual event that is scheduled to be held on June 13, 2008. The committee decided to provide some financial support for this event. This financial support will be part of the Sector 9 budget.

**Kodak Funding Status:** Bill Johnson reminded the committee that Sector 9 had received a \$10,000 funding grant for "Tele-medicine" project which is with the Full Gospel Tabernacle. Elston indicated that he will look into this matter and keep the committee informed.

**Greater Rochester Health Foundation Grant:** Karyn informed the group that the Greater Rochester Health Foundation has put out a request for proposals. This funding is to address childhood obesity during the 2008 summer months. Grants will be from \$500- \$5,000. Interested parties can go the website of the Heath Foundation. Karyn indicated that ABC Inc. would be willing to assist Sector 9 write grant proposals, if requested.

**Sector 9 Action Plan Update:** The Sector 9 Action Plan was updated in the summer of 2006 and is need of further review and another update.

**Governor David Paterson:** Mrs. Craven indicated that she and Elston made the arrangements to send flowers to the swearing in ceremony for Governor Paterson on behalf of Sector 9.

**Committee Re-activation needed:** Josh Mack recommended that the Sector needs to re-activate the subcommittees that appear on the Sector 9 by-laws. These committees were active in the past and need to be re-convened to do the work of the sector. All persons present agreed with this recommendation.

**Lead Paint Initiative in Sector 9:** Karyn informed the group that ABC Inc. has been funded by the Rochester Health foundation to manage a lead paint initiative for a target area located in Sector 9. The City of Rochester will be offering lead paint remediation for 200 homes in Sector 9 with an average expense of \$10,000 per house. ABC will be reaching out to this area to help facilitate this service. Karyn will keep the committee informed of the progress on this project.

**Request for Data:** Wanda Richardson requested that data be gathered and shared with the committee regarding housing status for the 14621 area. The information should include residential as well as commercial properties. Helpful indicators would include vacancies, empty lots, and ownership. This information should also be placed on a wall map if possible.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM

**Next meeting:** Thursday April17, 2008