



STERLING HEIGHTS CommUNITY Alliance
Minutes of Wednesday , Oct. 15, 2025 Meeting
Location: City Hall

Members Present: Stacy Bahri, Sandy DelVillano-Marchi, Tatrika Graphenreed, Michael Mazur

Members Absent: C. Bjornson, Rich Rubba, C. Maciejewski

Representing the City: Melanie Davis

Guests: Haley Bradley, Assistant City Manager

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Sept. 17, 2025 CommUNITY Alliance made by T. Graphenreed, Seconded by S. DelVillano-Marchi, and voted all in favor.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Bonding Exercise - T. Graphenreed led the group bonding exercise by asking the group "what is something you're looking forward to about fall?"

Officer Elections - M. Mazur nominated T. Graphenreed for Chair; seconded by S. Bahri; motion carried. T. Graphenreed nominated S. DelVillano-Marchi for Vice Chair; seconded by M. Mazur; motion carried. M. Mazur nominated S. Bahri for Secretary, seconded by T. Graphenreed; motion carried.

Strategic Plan Review / Updates - M. Mazur ran the group through the original plan, highlighting feedback from commissioners to carry forward. He then reviewed a suggested new, simpler format for our annual plan, and the group agreed to carry ideas and thoughts over into this new format. We finished the review, and M. Mazur agreed to work on finalizing the plan between now and the Nov. 13 New Resident Meet and Greet event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Everyone is Welcome Clings - M. Davis noted that she would re-visit the opportunity to produce these and work in conjunction with local business organizations to distribute them to businesses who would like them.
- b. Nice Neighbor Nominations - M. Davis shared two nominations recently submitted and the group agreed that we'd like to put them both forward to city council for consideration for a Nice Neighbor Award. In addition, the group would like to proactively solicit for nominations on a quarterly basis as a part of the annual plan
- c. New Resident Meet and Greet - M. Davis noted the date has been changed to Nov. 19 due to availability of the Community Center. She also shared that we have letters of invitation in the print shop requested to be printed and folded. She will let the group know if we need to host another stuffing party for invitations. In addition, she will take an audit of giveaways and raffle items and let the group know if there are gaps to be filled before the event. The group agreed to use the same agenda format with Bingo, and T. Graphenreed will host as our new Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. C. Bjornson has resigned from the commission due to personal reasons. M. Davis will work with city council on an appointment to fill this vacancy.
- b. The Human Library - M. Davis noted that the Library is available on either April 8 or 22 to host this event. The group chose April 8, so she will notify Library staff to reserve the programming center for this purpose.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on a motion from S. Bahri, seconded by M. Mazur; motion carried.