

**Arcadia Neighborhood Association**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**Minutes**

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

**Attendance** was taken.

**Report from Public Safety Officer of Kalamazoo**

Officer Groeneveld reported that KDPS has seen an increase in vehicle break-ins across the city including the greater Arcadia neighborhood. Juveniles are committing most vehicle break-ins. He reminded us that items **must** be removed from cars and car doors **must** be locked.

KDPS has added a traffic unit consisting of one additional officer to its department.

The City traffic reporting site is up and running. Reports from this site are being used to target traffic problems across the city. Arcadia residents have submitted a number of incidents.

The **National Night Out** neighborhood events can go forward this summer. The ANA and public safety are not planning a Night Out event in Arcadia this year. However, Phil Rose is planning a party on Berkshire on that day. Check it out.

**Old Business:**

**Neighborhood planning process,  
redefinition of Arcadia Neighborhood:**

Rex met with City staff concerning the process to change the Arcadia neighborhood boundary presently defined in the *Kalamazoo 2025 Master Plan*. Initially Rex felt there had been some movement to use the Oakwood plan as a prototype to define Arcadia neighborhood as a 400 single-

family neighborhood on the west side of Kalamazoo. The City continues to define the Arcadia boundary found in the *Kalamazoo 2025 Master Plan*.

Attendees voted unanimously not to move forward with the City's suggested approach to the Arcadia neighborhood planning process at this time.

Arcadia residents will continue to submit requests through the Board to the City for improvements to the Arcadia neighborhood. For example, the removal of the **ORANGE STRIP** drawn across the front of the Arcadia neighborhood included in the *Future Land Use Map*, resistance to any proposed re-zoning of that strip, and support for the Kendall Ave. walking strip project,

### **New Business:**

Current sidewalk and patching projects continue. Preservation work on our streets will continue. Surface cracks are being sealed, followed by chip sealing and fog sealing.

Grace Gheen has reminded neighbors that the Arcadia Neighborhood Facebook page is a service to the neighborhood, and the Facebook **rules must be followed**.

Meeting was adjourned. The next ANA meeting will take place in September, date and location to be announced.