**Community Meeting Minutes 1-11-18**

* Sr. Michele welcomed the residents and thanked for coming
* Sr. Michele gave a brief overview of the strategic planning process, what the goals of it are, and the timeline for writing, revising, and publishing the plan
  + Sr. Michele also briefly discussed Amy Cuzzola-Kern and her role as the author of the strategic plan
* Sr. Michele announced we were awarded the NAP/SPP Tax Credit for $25,000
  + She discussed the timeline from accepting applications, to reviewing on a committee, and beginning and ending work on the homes
  + We can give five grants of $5,000 each, or can award more if smaller amounts
  + Priority is homes directly along Buffalo Rd., however, anyone within the target area can apply as long as they are a homeowner in good standing
  + Discussed the 10% match required by the homeowner
* Sr. Michele discussed the McBride Viaduct Town Hall Meeting on January 16th at 6pm
  + Schember announced he changed his mind and now wants to demolish viaduct
  + Why can’t the money that would be used to demolish it be used to fix it
  + Erie CPR says study done on the viaduct is severely flawed
  + Kevin P. discussed viaduct further, noted the town hall meeting is urgent
  + Several residents offered rides to the town hall meeting to others to ensure a large turnout
* Gary Horton and Elspeth Koehle discussed Community Benefits Agreements
  + Discussed what they are, why they are important, and how they can benefit us
  + Passed around a petition to support CBAs
  + EGC residents voted to support writing a letter of support for Erie County United’s efforts on CBAs
  + There will be a meeting on CBAs at St. James Friday January 19th at 6pm, and every other Friday after that
* Gary Horton gave an overview of all events for MLK Day and the month of January
* Janice from Erie Benedictines made announcement of Peace Walk coming up
  + Peace walk will be Thursday, January 18th from 7-7:30pm starting at 18th & Ash
  + The Benedictines would like to do a Peace Walk in our neighborhood in May
* Sam Miller gave brief update on progress with DEP and Erie Coke – Still waiting to schedule a tour of the plant and hear back from the DEP
* Youth present gave an update on life on the new Erie High
  + Jafari stated it is too crowded, the hallways are too narrow to fit all kids at once
  + Maybe suggest to school district to dismiss classes at different times in future
* Veronica made a safety announcement to watch ice on the ground and especially on buildings to make sure it doesn’t fall on anyone