

Notes August 2005

Heart of the City Meeting, Tuesday, August 9, 7 PM

Present: Leslie LaMuro, Greg & Kathy Misfeldt, Kitty Welch, Lue Ehinger, Chuck Ogg, Kathy Kauffman, Mary Linton, Beth Gehred, Anders Yocom, Bill Camplin, Ann Engelman, Mary Gates, Paul Hable, Joan Callan, Patti Lorbecki, Cathy Zimmerman, Ron Zimmerman, Jill Ottow, John Foust, Karen Reinhardt, Sue Schaut, Bill Krupinski, Jill Kessenich, Steve Tesmer

Introductions were made; several Jefferson residents in attendance.

Minutes were approved

Presentation by John Foust, of gojefferson.com, a watchdog site for Jefferson County. Spoke about the City of Jefferson City Council recall election of Dave Olsen, and what Olsen's background and leanings appear to be, on Wal-Mart and other issues, and whether he feels Dave violated the open meetings law at the recent Wal-Mart meeting. John was instrumental in opening up commerce and industry meeting to general public; used to be closed. These meetings are currently closed in Fort Atkinson, and no minutes or agendas are published. John and others are interested in finding candidates that are opposed to big-box development to run in Spring election.

Approval of Mission, Vision statements, and Guiding Precepts

Mission: To advocate for sustainable change and promote the public good by working with government and other citizens in the visioning and planning of our communities.

Vision: Heart of the City encourages sustainable development, the preservation of existing & treasured civic characteristics, and active participation of the citizenry.

Guiding Precepts:

1. We believe each member of the community is a stakeholder in the decisions affecting the community
2. Successful communities have governments that encourage and facilitate citizen participation in issues of visioning and development. Citizens exercise their right to become informed and involved.
3. Successful communities develop policies and practices that ultimately:
 - Eliminate our community's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals.
 - Eliminate our community's contribution to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances.
 - Eliminate our community's contribution to encroachment upon land, water wildlife, forests, soils and ecosystems.
 - Meet human needs fairly and efficiently; meeting basic needs for clean air, water, food and shelter before provision of luxuries

Finalize formation of committees and appoint chairs

Community Projects (Raingarden, trail clean-up, etc.)

Chair: Mary Linton

Outreach & Education (Public relations, build membership, etc.)

CoChairs: Jill Ottow, Leslie LaMuro

Government Policy & Relations: (attend and report on council & planning meetings, etc.)

Chair: Lue Ehinger

Time was allowed to break into committees, plan next meeting and action items

Next meeting: Monday, September 12, 7:00 PM (Café Carpe)

Steering committee: Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 PM (617 Grant, Jill & Steve's)

New business:

By-laws will be drafted at next steering comm.. meeting. Meeting is open to general membership

Ann E. will post instructions for accessing and responding to forum (in these minutes?)

There will most likely be a raingarden workshop/planting session behind the Carpe after September 16th. Our first Community Project!?!

Adjourn, 8:35 PM