

Notes December 2004

Dear Hearts,

Following are notes from December 16, 2004, Dwight Foster Public Library

The next meeting is Thursday, January 13, 6:00pm, location TBA.

Heart Of The City Web link <http://home.earthlink.net/~aengelman/>

Hearts On Line Discussion Forum <http://anewamerica.net>

**This on line forum has been created specifically for Hearts by Jeff Margenau.

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Highlights

* City Council elections will be in April. Jim Simdon and LaVerne Behrens are up for re-election. Bill Camplin will not be seeking re-election. Steve Tesmer will run for City Council again. There are several sign up sheets to get Steve on the ballot. Signatures are due early January.

* DNR's Land Legacy plan was discussed. This long-term preservation partnership with the county will be the topic for the February meeting. Joe Nehmer, Jefferson County Parks and a DNR representative will address the project and how it might coordinate with the greenbelt concept.

In Other News

* Evansville Initiative is a group in Evansville that supports sustainable energy concepts. The new high school was built using Geo-Thermal energy. This group is now working on a project, Leave Your Car At Home Week. Details will be brought to the next Hearts gathering. Interest was expressed about a possible get together with them.

* Wal-Mart in Jefferson was addressed. Letters should be sent to Mayor Collin Stevens. Now would be good. There was discussion about possible ways to help them. There was concern among Hearts that a resolution for a referendum will be put on the Jefferson City Council agenda. www.gojefferson.com has information about this issue. The site is a "watch dog" site for all things Jefferson, created by John Faust.

Other Questions/Comments

* Is there a way for Hearts to support the Preservation Council in the water tower project?

* How do we continue the study the Master Plan?

One idea was for those who read Chapters to report on items not yet completed.

* Continuing to connect with other Fort organizations and building goodwill should continue to be a priority.

* Concerns about Heart Of The City focus. One observation was that there is not a particular issue now but should there become one the group mechanism is in place.

* Would the second Thursday of the month be a better day than the third Thursday?

* What happened to the group that was going to meet and discuss the book "The Natural Step"; Beth and Kim Hagemeter will be contacted.

* Coming agendas:

January 13, Steve Greybow-UW Whitewater or Tour de Fort

February 10 or 17, DNR, County Parks-Land Legacy Plan and how it might coordinate with the greenbelt concept.

Heart Of The City Discussion Forum Instructions:

Go to the <http://anewamerica.net>.

Click on Begin (right hand side of the screen)

Click on Login (left hand gray column) I had to go to REGISTER first - very easy - Ann

Enter a user name and password (this only needs to be done once - the next time you log in it will remember you and log you in automatically)

A new menu on the left will appear in which you can click on "Forums" I got in through FREE
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You will then see a link to the Heart of the City forum.
In the forum you can create topics and post replies etc.

Your Humble Heart,
Ann