

Heart of the City

April 8, 2006, Café Carpe

Present: Kathy Misfeldt, Mary Linton, Michael Clish, Kathy Kaufmann, Joan Callan, Lue Ehinger, Bill Camplin, Kitty Welch, Beth Gehred, Anders Yocom, Randy Golz, Sherry, Golz, Dianne Sime

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by President Anders Yocom.

Last month's minutes approved.

Inspirational Moment: Mary Linton

Announcements:

Kathy Misfeldt: Thanks to everyone for helping with Bike trail cleanup.

Beth: Noted passing of Jane Jacobs, author, who wrote about urban planning

Steve Tesmer: Public Works committee meeting on May 24, 4:00 to develop a sidewalk policy.

Beth: Study circles have wound up, approximately 50 participants in Jefferson County.

Beth: Greg David is raising money to take Sweden tour. Plans to create a video documenting the trip. Looking for donations either by individuals or the group. Tour will cost \$7000.

Treasurers Report: Balance is approximately \$1000

Speaker: Beth Gehred

Topic: Heart of the City - moving forward.

Initiating a dialog about short term, mid term long term goals.

Mid-term Goal: Fort Atkinson to become an eco community.

Near-term Goal: Develop a plan for becoming an eco community.

Bill: Discussed implications of the Koshkonong Estates development, final addition coming before planning commission. This will affect the future layout of Fort. Many neighbors are upset, understood that this area was not going to be developed.

2007 Master plan update – important to be ready to provide input. An ad-hoc committee will be formed to provide citizen input to the process.

Precautionary Principle: In the case that something is not covered by plan, err on the side of less development rather than allowing more development. Everything we do today is the platform we build on tomorrow.

Phyllis Hasbrook, planner, has worked on Sustain Dane plan, would HOC consider hiring her?

Candidates for City Council in next election cycle, very important

Committee reports:

Projects:

June 3, Bark River Celebration day. Speakers: Mark Dochnahl, originally spearheaded the park. Mark Kirstenseiner, Al Haukom. Musical performance by Buried Root (9:30 – 10:30). Volunteers needed to help with the nature walk, assist speakers, trail guides for elementary school treasure hunt, help with lunch.

After lunch, an informal canoe trip down Bark River will take place.

Outreach/Education:

No report.

Public Policy/Govt :

May 9 is the Walk to School day.

May 16 city council meeting: presentation of Mayors climate protection agreement resolution.

Bill C has been researching 501C3 status & implications. Compared with 501C4, status which allows social events, etc. 501C3 cannot endorse a specific candidates, but can endorse viewpoint. Bill will chair a committee to make a recommendation to the group on pursuing 501C3 status at July meeting.

New business:

Next meeting, need to elect new officers. Should steering committee come up with a slate?

Next Meeting

Monday, June 12; 7:00 pm - Café Carpe.

Steering Committee:

Tuesday May 23, 6:00 pm Steve & Jill's House (617 Grant St)

Adjournment 8:30