

Heart of the City

June 12, 2006, Café Carpe

Present: Jill Kessenich, Beth Gehred, Mary Linton, Ann Engleman, Lue Ehinger, Mary Gates, Steve Tesmer, Bill Camplin, Kathy Kaufmann, Kathy Misfeldt, Anders Yocom, Kathy Ihde, John Kleinschmidt, Paul Habel, Kitty Welch

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by President Anders Yocom.

Last month's minutes approved.

Inspirational Moment: Anders delivered a sermonette inspired by George Fox

Announcements:

Beth: Walt Christensen is running for David Ward's seat in the Assembly. Ward is not running, which presents a real opportunity for a non-incumbent. Walt is very committed to what he says, and has experience at the local level. She handed out his nomination papers.

Ann: Walt would like to have an opportunity to speak to Heart. Group consensus to invite Assembly Candidates to address the group prior to the September primary.

Andy: Congratulations to Mary Linton and the Projects group on a successful Bark River Day event. Out & Ed did a great job on publicity.

Treasurers Report: Balance is \$1,099.15

Speaker: Jill Kessenich

Topic: AIA Convention – Designing and Building Livable Communities

Jill walked people through the AIA's 10 steps to building livable communities, and how it relates to what Heart is trying to accomplish, and how some recently completed projects in Wisconsin reflect those principles, and how a group like Heart might take advantage of the design and planning capabilities of people in the AIA to help create a more livable sustainable city in Fort.

Committee reports:

501c3 ad Hoc committee:

Bill reported, committee recommends that HOC is not yet ready to take advantage of 501c3 status. At this point the additional paperwork, etc is not justified to gain non profit status.

Report accepted: Mary L/Ann E

Projects:

Mary: Resting after Bark River event.

Outreach/Education:

No report

Public Policy/Govt :

Steve: Gave an update on the city Sidwalk policy. An Ad Hoc committee being formed to study the US Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement makeup, the deadline for application to be part of the committee is: June 26, 2006. The city successfully negotiated with the developer of the Koshkonong Estates development to get land set aside for a neighborhood park.

Lue: Looking for candidates for next year's city council election.

Considering a project to register graduating high school seniors for voting.

Beth: Greg David's sustainability trip to Sweden

Greg is currently in Sweden. Has raised about 2/3 of money required for trip, but has also invested about \$3K in equipment for the video and educational materials. He will also be putting in many hours to create the materials after the trip.

Motion: Contribute \$300 toward Greg's sustainability. Ann E/Paul H Motion passed

Election of Officers:

Steering Committee Slate submitted for nomination: President Beth Gehred, Treasurer: Kitty Welch, Co-Secretaries: Jill Kessenich & Steve Tesmer.

Officer slate approved unanimously.

Solicited nominations for Vice President: Currently vacant.

Paul Habel: Ladisch Mall project

New sustainable business, a Talpia farm and Ethanol production facility. Owner would be willing to speak at a future meeting.

New business:

Future Speaker ideas:

Discussed developers to participate in a future panel discussion. Ad Hoc Committee formed to work on Developer's Forum: Jill K, Ann E, Kathy K, Kathy M. Jill K will chair.

Beth is exploring a monthly Walk to School.

Steering Committee will develop a speaker schedule for future meetings.

Bill: Partnership city program: importing shopping bags from Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, could be sold in the Sustainability Superstore

Andy: Sustainability Superstore was at the Bark River event. Will be at July 1 Farmers Market.

Next Meeting

Monday, July 10; 7:00 pm - Café Carpe.

Next Steering committee meeting: Monday, June 19th

Adjournment 8:38