

Heart of the City

November 13, 2006, Police Station

Present: Anders Yocom, Kathy Misfeldt, Mary Gates, Lue Ehinger, Paul Hable, Jill Ottow, Leslie LaMuro, Joan Callan, Steve Tesmer, Jill Kessenich, Mary Chukka, Peter Hlavacheck, Beth Gehred, Josie Gobel, Joanne Moon, Kim Ehinger

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Beth Gehred

Viewed program Design E2 “The Green Apple”

Discussion: Well done, thought location was adequate for viewing. One of six that we will see every other meeting. We have a responsibility for getting more people to see things the way we do. Try to get city leaders and developers to view it. Quality of life and the economy seem to be the best ways to convince people this is the way to go. Next one is “Green Machine”. Could they be broadcast on cable access?

Last month's minutes were inadvertently destroyed. Motion to approve by Jill O. Second by Anders.

Announcements:

6PM tomorrow: “The Corporation” in Jefferson Mun. Building
Natural Step: New study circle is forming in January
Speakers: December: Connie Barbian—Inn Development Corp.

Truth to Power:

Steve: Quote from Inconvenient Truth

Treasurers Report:

\$862.22 current balance.

Committee reports:

Outreach/Education

Met to work on Speakers Bureau and have a letter to send out to small group of organizations. Will be doing a press release about “**Shop Local**” day at downtown businesses.

Projects

Joan reported meeting with John Molinaro and Joe Nehmer from Jeff. Cty. about community garden project at the Mason Farm (at Dorothy Carnes Park). Plans are to go ahead with partnering with County on this. Plot has been selected and tilled. Need help with planning and promotion, connections with community. Next step is to go out there, and have Daily Union go out and take a picture.

Some have concerns about location—not within easy walking or biking distance. Will look at setting up ride-sharing. Ultimate plan of Glacial Heritage is to connect Dorothy

Carnes Park to town. There is a possibility to build membership through this garden. Maybe incorporate rain barrel workshop in the future at location. There is a website on how to start community gardens—Joan and Kathy K. have copies for this.

Public Policy/Govt

Need people to run for council. Names brought up were Jude Hartwick, Jane Nee, and a couple others. Looking for nominations and suggestions.

Steve Tesmer reported that Council suggests “No Hwy 12 Bypass” Numbers haven’t justified cost and loss of buildings, or help to Fort Atkinson. John Wilmet will draft letter to DOT to this effect. Should be referred to as Hwy 12 Corridor, to alleviate confusion that there will be a bypass no matter what—there doesn’t have to be. Some people would like stronger wording, but majority of council hasn’t agreed to that. Project is estimated to begin in 8 years.

Lue plans to visit new Tatoo parlor on Main Street, and encourages people to do the same, and attend planning commission meeting.

Website

John O. and John L. are still working bugs out of system. John Ottow is currently updating the site

Ad Hoc on Global Warming

Next meeting: Dec. 4th at 6PM. NPR had report on municipal usage of water, mandated by Public Service Commission

Big Heart award nominations: Everybody’s Cafe

Next Meeting

Monday, December 11; 7:00 pm – Café Carpe

Steering Committee: November 27th at Lue’s

New business

Shop Local Day—December 9—meet at Carpe at 11AM

Fundraiser: Do it yourself gas tax. One fill-up a month, set money aside for HEART project. Table discussion for next meeting.

Mary Gates moved to adjourn, Capri seconds
Adjournment 8:40