

Heart of the City

December 12, 2005; Public Library

Present: Anders Yocom, Jill Ottow, Greg Misfeldt, Cathy Misfeldt, Mary Linton, Kathy Kaufman, Mary Gates, Lue Ehnger, Paul Hable, Ron Zimmerm, Cathy Zimmerman, Joanne Moon, Beth Gerhed, Karen Rinhart

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Anders Yocom.

Last month's minutes approved.

Announcements:

Andy: Reviewed all of the great things HOC is doing: Flyer about to be printed, Website in construction, Promotional display, Talking Points, Wal-Mart screenings, Rain Garden Demo, Sustainability Superstore, Monitoring HWY 12, Northwest deveelopment, Speakers, cleaning up bike path, Focus on Energy forum, we have treasury, bylaws, mission statement.

Jill K: attended Walmartopia play, excellent production, well worth seeing.

Cathy Misfeldt: Peace alliance information, moving toward Department of Peace.

Ann: Looking for candidates to run for City Council.

Inspirational Moment:

Ann read a poem by Loraine Niedecker

Treasurers Report:

No report.

Committee reports:

Outreach/Education

Out&Ed: Brochure status: Lakeside decided they can't take on project, looking into other printers. Mailing list under development, Jill O & Anne Penfield looked up addresses from phone book, some addresses are still missing. Karen Reinhart is working on display board, looking for "success stories", photographs. Stories can also be useful for speakers. Anders will write up a brief piece on Ashland

Projects

None.

Public Policy/Govt

Policy/Govt: Try to find Council candidate. Bruce Hokum will be speaking at our January meeting. Talked about hiway 12 bypass, is city going to take a position. Talked about wordsmithing the greenbelt, "Heritage Trail"?

Ammendment to Bylaws

1) Membership is open to anyone who supports the mission of HOC and who has attended at least one general meeting during the preceding 6 month period. Active members are accorded voting rights on all issues to come before HOC.

Motion to adopt: Jill O/ Ann, passed

2) Steering Committee is comprised of

Motion to adopt: Kathy K passed.

Resolution of Intent

Heart of the City will focus on sustainable change in Fort Atkinson and Jefferson County...

Motion to adopt: Jill O/Jill K passed

Next Meeting

January 9 Café Carpe

No December steering committee meeting.

Committee meetings – send announcements of meeting times to Ann

New business

Ed&Out: Looking for ideas for Science fair projects

Steve Tesmer gave an update on the status of the new Website.

Andy: Public radio sustainability desk, show based in LA.

Note that newspaper incorrectly listed tonight's meeting at Carpe.

Remember Focus on Energy forum at senior center.

Adjournment 7:45