

Notes January 2005

Dear Hearts,

Attached and below are the notes from January 13, 2005, Dwight Foster Public Library

Next meeting, Thursday, February 10, time TBA, Police Station Conference Room
Facilitator-LeeAnn, Note Taker-Jill K.

March Meeting, Thursday, 3/10, time and location TBA
Facilitator; Amy, Note Taker - 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.

We need Hearts to participate. Instructions below.

Highlights:

* Questions, Questions, Questions

Other News

*Beth Girard will lead a book discussion group "The Natural Step For Communities" about sustainable communities. The group will meet Tuesdays at 1:30 at the library. To participate contact Beth and she will order a book for you. egomaniacalmoi@hotmail.com or 920-728-3170.

* This article for Hearts from Amy Lutzky. May help WalMart conversation in Jefferson Headline: The Dane County "Buy Local Initiative" got some economic ammunition today showing that dollars spent at home tend to stay at home....link to the article.

<http://www.madison.com/tct/business/index.php?ntid=24450&ntpid=1>

* February meeting Joe Nehmer will provide information on the DNR's Land Legacy plan. Steve Grabow will help facilitate discussion about how that might affect smart growth, legislation, planning and the green belt concept.

Questions, Questions, Questions

Some years ago, at the last community vision planning meeting, green space was identified as a priority. Whatever happened to that?

Amy Lutzky will make a contact to see if those maps still exist.

Amy will bring copies of city Plat Maps to the March meeting for review

What aspect of Heart Of The City interests you that you would like to work on?

Please communicate on Heart Forum.

What should our goals be? What do we want to do?

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How do we determine a time line?

How should we organize? Should there be a Board? Should there be committees?

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The group gathered around the green belt concept map. There was discussion about how to connect the flood plain areas through easements.

What land is available? Who owns it?

How "protected" are the wet lands?

How best to include Realtors, Developers, Land Owners?

What about the space bordered by Poeppel/K/Hackbarth/Star School Road?

How much land is available in Fort Atkinson and the County?

Who owns the undeveloped property that might consider including green space?

How are development rights purchased? (Beth spoke about the Jefferson Land Preservation

group. Federal money available for preservation, different than federal money for state agencies.)

How do we communicate to the public?

What should be included in a communications plan?

Leslie will frame a structure

How do we sell the community on green space?

How do we encourage participation?

What might the talking points be?

What would be the benefits to the community?

We need to draft a story about Heart Of The City for press and possible print materials.

Contact LeeAnn, lareiton@yahoo.com

We need to find community models that have done what we want to do. What is the nearest city that might be a model for this concept?

LeeAnn will research

We need a Forum Manager. Any volunteers?

Should we revisit the Master Plan chapter assignments?

Amy summarized her Master Plan assignment:

Chapter 7 Downtown Development

Chapter 8 Circulation and Arterial plan (streets and roads)

Chapter 9 Land Use

We have met with Beautification Committee, Chamber of Commerce. Who else should we connect with?

Review "Invitation List" on Heart Web site for ideas.

We need someone to contact Tour De Force? Any volunteers?

Is there an event we can do?

Leave Your Car At Home Week (to celebrate the bike path)

Have a "walk" around the Common Green

What should the focus points be?

Green belt and preservation

Big Box retails

Act as community liaison between government and community

Your Humble Heart, Ann (Heart Forum Instructions Below)

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.

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"

The next time you log in go to FREE SPEECH FORUM

You will see a link to the Heart of the City forum.

In the forum you can create topics and post replies etc.