

Notes June 2004

HEART OF THE CITY Notes from June 24, 2004

Mission: Citizens for a pro-active process for community vision and planning.

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

Meeting included the following:

- Draft of meeting process/format passed out
- Creating Active Community Environments Worksheet passed out
- Copies of A Citizen's Guide To Land Use passed around (1000 Friends Of Wis.)
- Report on Policy, Planning and Practical Strategies For Creating Active Community Environments Workshop (Madison 6/21)
- Discussion of Walgreen's design plan issues
- Discussion/brainstorm for Fort Atkinson Green Belt
- Volunteer assignments
- Next meeting Thursday August 5, 6:00pm at the Library (Will start on time.)

Suggested future meeting agendas: (open for further discussion, volunteers in bold)

- City meeting updates
- Priority Concerns
- Master Plan Review (bits at a time)
- Clip Share

Meeting notes and reminders will be distributed on line.

Let me know if you need info via mail.

Priority Concern:

- Walgreen design issues. Beth will contact Jeff Woods and let us know how we can help.

City Meeting Coverage

- City Council (1st and 3rd Tues 7:00) Bill, (need a couple more)
- Planning Commission (2nd and 4th Tues at 4:00) Steve, Bill (need one more)
- Zoning Council (As called) TBA
- Board Of Education John Ottow, Jude

Short summaries of items important to the group will be e-mailed and posted to our-soon- to-be-launched Web site. Steve

Green Belt Discussion: Bill lead a discussion/brainstorm about the positives and negatives of a Green Belt around Fort Atkinson. Please send additions or corrections. We did the positives first:

Continues to preserve water management areas

Alternative transportation routes

Increases quality residential real estate values on periphery

Township opportunities to develop land

Recreational use (bike, hike, camp, snowmobile, cross-country ski)

Foster cultural tourism

Creates recreational destinations

Fosters recreational businesses

Community gardens

Creation and preservation of hunting and fishing lands

Air quality

Wildlife protection

Natural urban boundary

Community identity/aesthetics

Help maintain historical identity

Landings for watercraft

Tax revenues

Negatives: (more next meeting)

Expense

Master Plan Chapter Review

Chapters 1,2 Intro, Community Background - Jill, John Ottow

Chapters 3,4,5 Goals, Growth Analysis, Industrial/Economic Analysis

Bill, Kitty

Chapters 6,7,8 Parks/Rec, Downtown, Beautification - Amy, Leslie

Chapter 9, 10 Land Use - Jill, Steve

Chapter 11 Implementation Recommendations - Lu

Clip Share (Clips from newspapers, magazines on useful resources and relevant issues.)

Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel - Amy

Daily Jefferson County Union - Ann

Wisconsin State Journal - Ann

(Please clip and share at our meetings or forward for posting on line.)

Book Reports (summaries) -

Invitations - Several have expressed interest in being as inclusive and representational as possible. Please consider personal invitations to those who might represent:

Hispanic community Jefferson County

City Officials Rock River Coalition

Garden Club Preservation Committee

Chamber Of Commerce Police/Fire

Public/Private Schools Senior Citizens

Historic Society Biker, Walkers

Hospital Highsmith/Nasco/Spacesavers/Others

Community Foundation Highpoint Properties

Beautification Blackhawk Artists

Other ideas please. . .We ultimately want to have a list of those involved.

Other issues raised for future discussions:

- City Council Spring 2005 Elections
- Citizen Development Committee/Citizen Filter For Corporate Development
- Close "Blighted" loop hole
- Amy will contact John Patterson for Green Space Plans that were previously done

Please get additional names and e-mails to Anne Penfield.

Submitted,

Your Humble Heart, Ann