

Notes June 2005

Heart of the City Meeting -Thursday, June 23, 2005, 6 PM

Present: Bob LaMuro, Leslie LaMuro, Don Willison, Greg & Kathy Misfeldt, Kitty Welch, Michael Clish, Lue Ehinger, Chuck Ogg, Kathy Kauffman, Mary Linton, Beth Gehred, Anders Yocom, Bill Camplin

1000 friends of Wisconsin discussed if we should join as group, what are advantages. Some members are individual members. Following is copied from website:

<http://www.1kfriends.org/>

Membership benefits include:

- * Our quarterly newsletter Wisconsin Landscapes, containing land use information from across Wisconsin.
- * For members with email access, connection to our email network, including legislative updates and other land use related news and alerts.
- * Invitations to special 1000 Friends of Wisconsin conferences, annual meetings and special events in your area.

We have five primary giving categories.

- * Basic membership is \$35 annually.
- * Membership in our Friends category is \$100 annually.
- * Membership in our Friends Fellowship category is \$250 annually.
- * Membership in our Friends Society category is \$500 annually.
- * Membership in our Friends Circle category is \$1000 annually.

Vote was taken and decided to join. Will have to decide on level of membership. Kitty said there was \$200 in account available.

Sustainability study circle-The required reading (The Natural Step) provides a framework for what it means to be sustainable. Beth spoke on the study circle and how it should interact with Heart.

1. Be a sub-committee?
2. Require Heart members to sit in on a study circle?
3. Declare Fort Atkinson an Eco-municipality? (suggested a written explanation of what this means)
4. Are any Heart vs. Sustain goals in conflict with one another ?

The general consensus was that Heart needed to become more organized before we can address some of these questions, but agreed there were many goals in common, and it should definitely be a sub-committee or similar of Heart.

Sustainability Store: Next date: Saturday July 9th. Selling items such as rain barrels, string bags and fluorescent light bulbs. Offering free cold drinks. Near but not on grounds of farmers market, some discussion as to why this is necessary. Jill K. is to submit article to paper along with photos to hopefully get a little more publicity.

Chuck Ogg's suggested reading: The End of Suburbia

Our Organization-What are goals, how do we organize ourselves? Suggested electing officers, organizing committees, formalizing mission statement , finding a similar orgs. Framework to adapt or adopt. Jill K. and Kitty Welch volunteered to research this and begin to work on this, with others's input, Leslie Lamuro, etc. Will post this on online forum page. Possibly use some ideas from Sustain Dane or 1000 Friends. Anders and Beth went to Dane meeting, suggested some committees and meeting format.

Suggested officers:

President/Chair

Vice Pres/Chair

Treasurer (Kitty already is)

Secretary

Government liason

Suggested committees:

Speakers bureau

Action items/projects

Rain Garden

Clean-up (bikepath & riverwalk--Bill C. & Greg M. already volunteered for this)

Sustainability

Smart Growth

Greenspaces

Possible project partners/speakers:

Scott Lastusky (parks dept.)

Rudy Bushcott (public works)

Paul Hable (geothermal hvac)