

## Notes March 2005

Heart Of The City, March 10, 2005

In attendance: Ann Engleman, Kitty Welch, Lue Ehinger, Amy Lutzke(facilitator), Mary Gates, Bill Camplin, Jill Kessenich, Leslie La Muro

Steve Grabow: reactions to Cty. Extension staff member at last meeting: Thought it was very beneficial, and was interesting to find out how County zoning laws protect areas outside of city limits, at 2-3 residences per acre. Also felt it was reinforcing our concerns and goals, as he can speak to different levels of concern and different types of groups. The country's Land Legacy plan has funds available for the types of projects we'd like to start, and would allow us to hire a professional planner for initial design or feasibility study. Mary Gates has started looking at plat maps and identifying ownership of target areas for greenbelt. Wondering if we should have a plan in place first, to get people on board with the concept. Certain members were asked to contact members of the County Board to get them up to speed, and encourage them to attend a meeting, or speak on the Land Legacy plan. See list below. The County Board's visioning is talking about the same issues--that greenspace is valued, which is why the rural zoning laws are in place. Would like to site some specific examples of Land Legacy plans.

Sustainable study group update: Suggested that Beth Gehred give Heart an update on this group and the conclusions or goals they have for the future. Suggested a sustainability video or cd-rom, and if a display could be set up in the library on this.

Walgreens: Bill brought elevations and site plan that were approved in October of 2003. Question was raised whether something could still be done to minimize impact of their standard electronic signage. Ann suggested and has composed a letter to the editor; Jill also signed. Was published in paper. Any follow-up?

Goals/contacts for next meeting:

- Amy to contact Steve Grabow
- Bill to contact Paul Babcock (invite to next meeting)
- Ann to contact Chris Spengler; ask about article for paper and invite her to next meeting
- Kitty to contact Karl Zentner (invite to next meeting)
- Jill has contacted Margaret Burlingham, and has gotten an initial proposal on designing a greenbelt to connect bikepath to Dorothy Carnes Park, as an initial step toward the greenbelt goal

Respectfully submitted,

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