

Heart of the City - Minutes May 10, 2010

Present: Cynthia Holt, Harry Sutherland, Robin Engel, Bill Johnson, Elaine Dorough Johnson, Laura Rogers, Chris Rogers, Jeff and Kathy Ihde, Ron Langallier, Kitty Welch, Joanne Moon, Kevin Wolz, Richard Miller, Lance Weinhardt, Leslie LaMuro, Stella & John Kleinschmidt, Kathy Kauffman, Mary Linton, Matt Loup, Jim Pick, Dick Schultz, Andy Jorgensen, Nicole Bickham, Maddie & Carina Weinhardt, Beth Gehred

Pre-Meeting Presentations – Heart of the City and Heart of the City Members are asked to help...

*Holly Houston - Project LEAD Barrie Bricks – Please purchase as soon as you can...will restore Barrie Park & Bandshell

*Hoard Museum Garden Volunteers/Adoption presented by Ron Langallier

I. **Welcome**- Many new members & intro

II. **Truth To Power** – Laura Rogers read Song/Prayer from Obama Inauguration

III. **Agenda Review** – Will move Old Business “Strategic Planning & Membership Management” to next month’s agenda

IV. **Treasurer Report** – Treasurer not in attendance- Estimate \$4000. Beth also brought up discussion that existing commitment to Library for permeable drive. Current cost difference is at \$16,000. \$79 brought in at first Farmers Market.

V. **Government Relations**- Welcome Dick Schultz/City Council. Kitty reports. Bill hoping to have listening sessions at Farmers Market once a month. Beth adds at county level Walt Christensen brought up to new county board chair, John Molinaro, the need for a Jefferson County Sustainability Committee at county level for saving money and reducing waste. John Molinaro supportive. Walt/Greg David are moving forward. New county board supervisor Amy Rinard is also on the committee. Hoping they will use Natural Step framework for formation of committee.

Please join Richard at govt listening sessions. Andy Jorgensen concurred.

VII. **Projects** – Bringing recycling container to Farmers Market. Rock River Sweep ...public areas not a lot of trash.

VIII. **Education & Outreach** - Thanks for Facebook Page. Two short educational movies will be shown for free at Fort Hospital on May 24th.

IX. **Disposing of Old Medication** – Dick Schultz shares concern about old medication getting in riverways because of lack of disposing of meds. Try and get drop off point at Tuttle. No recycling programs for empty plastic medicine. In other cities, sheriff/police have drop off points. John Kleinschmidt's church is looking into it and will report back at next meeting about possibility of church taking lead in summer/fall (KEEP THIS ON AGENDA)

X. **Andy Jorgensen** – Sharing what legislature happened this past year in legislature. Green Job Energy Act DID NOT pass (got off too late and many folks against). HERE ARE THINGS THAT DID PASS:

*Fought for clean lakes and streams

*Phosphorus Bans – Act 9 63

*Reduced land fill – recycling tech Act 50

- *Mercury – Act 44
- *Increase Max Fines for Dumping on roadways
- *Projected Nollis (?) Stewardship Fund- ACT 28
- *Preserve Waterways ACT 7 & 32
- *Invest in Clean sweep
- *Wind Site legislation – make easier to use wind ACT 40
- *Energy Employment ACT- create jobs Act 401
- *Save business money on Green To Gold- job AB 904
- *Reinstate Conservation Corps – AD 910
- *Take politics out of natural resources- Independent DNR – AB 139 VETO OVERRIDE
- *Preserve hunting heritage

Update on highspeed rail – Please support/spread the word that it's worthwhile and has been in the works for 17 years.

XI. **Barrie Brick?** Discussion. Mary Linton moves to purchase \$100 brick. Leslie 2nd. Motion carried. Laura and Kitty will create language and do follow up.

XII. **Transportation Initiative** - Ratio. Bike = 4

Car = 11

Walk =4

28 people = 28/11 or 2.545 people per car.

XIII. **Healthy Fort Partnership with Jefferson County** Health Dept, UW-Research Hospital. Group wanting to make Fort Atkinson community healthier. Submit letter of interest in early June, 3 year \$400,000 grant, need partnerships and seeking Heart participation. Find out if they get it in

XX. **350.org Walk to Church** Work Day October 2010 tie into transportation Govt? School day...walk/bike to school.

XXI. Bill McKibben coming to MREA this summer and 2010/2011 UW Whitewater Lecture Series

XXII. ½ Price Admission to Eco Development Conference Business to Business – May 18 Dave Young?

XXIII. **Natural Step facilitation** at Annual MREA – Midwest Renewable Energy Fair- Custer, WI - 3 day June 18,19 & 20. Natural Step USA will be there. Wisconsin is the countries leader forming study circles among people.

XXIV. **Farmers Market** – almost every one of us were there. Cynthia put in a plea for EBT volunteers so that people who get Quest cards(food aid) can use them at the market. A grant came through from Fort Community Foundation. Getting word out and need people to post posters. Karolyn Broehm and Gail Scott will work the EBT machine at the market. Kids arts tent also needs workers. Chris/Laura Rogers asked that...PLEASE HELP and FIND SUB YOURSELF IF YOU'VE SIGNED UP AND CANT

XXV. **Big Heart Nomination**

****Ball Corporation** – Turned into prairie. Water Collection basins are shrubs. Nominated by Kathy Ihde.

****NASCO** – Created sidewalk on Rockwall St without any city help so kids could walk safely and not worry about trucks. Nominated by Dick Schultz.

XXVI. **News release about Hwy 26 Development at Chamber** - Businesses can give input.

XXX VII. Roles/Publicity for May 24 movie night – Two Short Films on May 24 at Fort Health Care. True Cost of Food . Fred Guetenburg will speak. They own the new Watertown Incubator Kitchen & rent it out. Yes. Cynthia will do ad. Laura will send info to Cynthia. Hand outs at Farmers Market about Film. 5:30 Board Meeting prior.

XXV. Announcements –

Kevin Wolz introduces himself & offers to help people with sustainability projects.

Next meeting: 2nd Monday in June – 7 pm, June 14, 2010, at Fort Police Station.

Next Board meeting: May 24th 5:30 pm before the films at the Fort Health Care Auditorium

Nominations & Organizational

Please email or send or drop off suggestions for meeting.

Leslie moved to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Notes by Cynthia Holt