

Heart of the City

August 13, 2007 – Police Station

Present: Kitty Welch, Anders Yocom, Bill Camplin, Carl Zentner, Beth Gehered, Margaret Martin, Steve Cline, Matt Loup, Ron Langellier, Betty Biagi, Lue Ehinger, John Landowski, Jill Ottow, Leslie LaMuro, Kathy Kaufmann, Mary Linton, Joan Callan, Josie Gobel, Joan Moon, Jill Kessenich, Steve Tesmer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kitty Welch.

Approval of last month's minutes.

Truth to Power Moment: Kitty read a letter from the Rotary International President about environmental responsibility and the choices we make in our everyday lives.

Treasurer's report: None

Committee reports:

Projects:

A Harvest Dinner is currently being planned for the end of September. Josie Gobel has agreed to continue to coordinate garden activities. New members are always welcomed to this committee

Public Policy/Govt Relations:

Bill thanked Lue for her work in the past year as chair of this committee. Bill would like to call a meeting prior to the next general membership. Bill would like to start a blog for dialog about the Master Plan update.

Education & Outreach:

Photos of community garden should be in the paper this week.

Website:

Ann is working with Mark Nordeen on a revamp of the website.

Video Presentation:

Design e² episode: Gray to Green – Adaptive Reuse: Boston's Big Dig waste turned into an innovative residential design.

Discussion:

Bill C: Didn't think the scale of the project presented was applicable to a community of our size, but the concepts do.

Joan C: Notice that the landfill East of Madison filled up with discarded shingles after storm damage.

Leslie L: mentioned examples of local recycling/reuse of construction materials.

General discussion of the economics of sustainable building and the pros & cons of mandating green building practices.

Beth spoke about Sustain Jefferson workshop that took place this past weekend, talked about real needs vs. pseudo needs. Poverty is not only caused by economic deficiency, if any basic needs are not met one is in poverty.

Old Business

Big Heart award nominations:

None.

New Business

Jill Ottow: Need to find City Council candidate(s).

Next Steering Committee Meeting: August 27, location TBD

Next General meeting Sept 10 at Café Carpe.

Announcements

Clean Sweep is September 8 in Fort Atkinson. You have to pre-register with Viola to take materials.

Bill would like help setting up Blog site.

Heart of the City applied for a "Make it Your Own" grant from the Case foundation for the Atkinson Diet.

Upcoming National Initiatives: 1) "Step It Up" recognizing leadership in the Global Warming issue. 2) "Focus the Nation" forming teams of individuals to work on Global Warming issue. 3) NeighborNation.net online resource clearinghouse – Fort is being added.

501c3: Julie Short has offered to do legal work pro bono to make this happen. Will put on agenda for next general meeting to make a decision.

Master Plan Steering committee meeting next Monday (August 20) 6 pm, public is welcome. Next Public Visioning session will be in September.

Sustain Jefferson has formed a Study Circles Committee and is training facilitators, looking for people to join circles or facilitate.

Adjournment: 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Tesmer