

Minutes
TWNA
Feb. 8, 2007

Steering committee Members present: Harriet Allen, Kathy Buchholz, Stan Carpenter, Rick Kayser, Sue Kayser, Jim Massey, Bob Schwartz, De Wayne Severson, Catherine Sinkewicz.

Others Present: Mary Mickel, Mike Rindo.

The meeting was called to order at 7.07 P.M. by Chair Stan Carpenter.

1. A motion was made and passed, to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Code Enforcement Committee: Rick Kayser reported that all illegalities at 431 Washington have been resolved for the City Board of Health. In a compromise the owner will be able to rent the basement bedroom which is now up to code, if he repaves the parking lot and puts plantings around it.

Mary brought up the need for us to have a philosophy as to density and use of attics and basements. Rick said the Third Ward Plan could be amended with the new philosophy. Stan and Mary will begin working on it.

Rick said The Plan Commission has talked about the future of State St., and we should meet with them to discuss our ideas and preferences.

3. Traffic, Parking and Safety: Laurie Forcier has inquired if the animal crossing signs are going to be installed on Harding and State St. hills. Rick said this was discussed at the Plan Commission, and City Planner Darryl Tufte will look into it.

Stan will call the city about the parking situation on the curve of Roosevelt Ave.

4. Newsletter: Mary reported the Candidate Forum letters have been sent out and must be returned by Feb. 19th. Delivery of the Newsletter will be March 16th-17th. Newsletter people will stay after tonight's meeting to discuss Heritage Days.

Stan has procured an ad from Greg Bohlig for State Farm, and one from The Body Focus on South Barstow. Stan also has the information for the Tom Kemp article.

We will send thank you notes to the YMCA for use of the building, and to Ellen Fanning Nelson for her support.

5. Parks Committee: Bob reported that Parks and Rec. will not be flooding anymore rinks this season. Mary felt we should put an announcement in the Newsletter that the decision not to flood was made by the city. Bob is planning an end of school year party for kids at Demmler Park. The Newsletter will run a box announcement of the Demmler party.
6. Motion: A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate about \$100 to the end of school party at Demmler Park.
7. New Business: The Candidate Forum is Feb, 13th at 8 .00 P.M. It will be broadcast and Ken Fulgione will be moderator. They need volunteers.

Meet Your Neighbor is also Feb. 13th. Jim and Mary will try to go.

UWEC Bridge Coalition is doing a survey about alcoholic behavior in students. Please fill it out if you receive it.

8. Mike Rindo: Mike reports The Core Alcohol Survey done at UWEC showed there is currently less drinking but not less binge drinking among students. Mike said UWEC is treating alcohol as a serious issue.

Mike described The Growth Agenda, a system wide plan. The plan does not call for more enrollment, but does hope to increase the 6 year graduation rate.

Davies Center remodeling now has preliminary approval. Later a new building will go up in the green space behind Park School. This will house the Education Department and some support staff. Later, The Children's Center will be razed, and a new one built in a small area near the parking lot behind the Buffington Home.

9. Stan discussed the need to have Steering Committee Members come to meetings. The by-laws on the website explain this, and we will address this more carefully at the next annual meeting. It would also be nice if we could get people on the board who represent the zone they live in, as we do not have representatives from all zones.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30 P.M.