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Meeting Minutes - Approved NORTHPORT-WARNER PARK-SHERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 28, 2008

6:00 PM

Vera Court Neighborhood Center
614 Vera Court

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 -

Lydia S. Maurer; Pat Steele; Lorie A. Walker; Cynthia M. Wood; Jolena K. Presti; Mary Schumacher; Karen M. Thompson; Donald B. Bruns and Thomas C. Blake

Absent: 1 -

Olga Cardenas

Excused: 6 -

Jodi L. Hanna; Benjamin C. Cashin; Pacia J. Harper; Madeline Scherb; Diane L. Jetzer and Julie A. Savidusky

City Alderpersons and Staff: Alderperson Satya Rhodes-Conway (District 12); Alderperson Michael Schumacher (District 18); Archie Nicolette, Jule Stroick and Linda Horvath (Planning & Community & Economic Development).

Others Present: Betty Thompson.

2. Announcements

Jule Stroick announced the upcoming series of Economic Development Draft Plan Review Sessions hosted by the City of Madison Department of Planning & Community & Economic Development - she handed out a flyer listing the session schedule. She also announced the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Saturday March 8, 8:30 a.m. -12:15 p.m. at the CUNA Mutual Group Training Center, 5810 Mineral Point Road.

Pat Steele announced the Community Energy Fair on Saturday March 8 from 1:30-4:30 at Northport Community Learning Center, 1740 Northport Drive.

3. APPROVAL OF February 7, 2008 MINUTES

Cyndi Wood requested that she be included in the list of attendees at the February 7 meeting.

A motion was made by Schumacher, seconded by Blake, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. Meeting Ground Rules, Decision-Making Process, Roles

a. Meeting Ground Rules

- Start on time/end on time (as soon as reach quorum).
- Encourage voicing of opinions.
- Stick to time allocations.
- Full participation.
- Listen to other points of view.
- Stick to topics.
- Come prepared.
- When one person talks, others listen (no cross talking).
- Gain closure on agenda items before moving to next.

b. Decision-Making Process

VOTING - 1st consensus within 10 minutes / voting 51%

c. Roles

Co-Chairpersons:

1. Cyndi Wood
2. Tom Blake

Agenda Gate Keeper & Time Keeper

1. Lorie Walker
2. Betty Thompson

Communication/Education Coordinator

1. Lorie Walker

Publicist

1. Mary Schumacher
2. Tom Blake
3. Jodi Hanna

Business District Communicator

1. Ben Cashin
2. Julie Savidusky
3. Don Bruns

Public Participation Coordinators

1. Lydia Maurer
2. Jolena Presti
3. Lorie Walker

Media Spokespersons

1. Pacia Harper
2. Ben Cashin
3. Mary Schumacher

6. [09327](#) Neighborhood Profile

Powerpoint presentation of neighborhood profile with questions and answers from meeting participants. City staff will follow-up on requests for further exploration of the data and inclusion of additional data in some cases and data sources. The powerpoint show will be revised to reflect these changes and placed on the northside plan webpage.

7. [09328](#) Steering Committee Member Areas of Representation

Karen Thompson presented the role and function of the Northside Business Association and its top issues: traffic flow (Sherman Avenue reconstruction, do not like twiddle, worried about reconstruction impacts). Also, the NBA tries to prevent state and local mandates on business owners, encourages the Facade Grant Program, supports community causes (e.g. golf outing to raise money for the pool effort).

Cyndi Wood described the Nobel Park neighborhood as being diverse, with people of mixed-income, diverse ethnicities, and renters and owners. It's a second and third generation neighborhood. One of the biggest concerns is the condition of Northport Drive. Also concerned about people with disabilities having difficulty accessing Warner Park Community Recreation Center; kids walking down Troy Drive in middle of road; not enough after school activities; and lack of childcare services especially in the early morning.

The remaining 7 groups will present at the March 13 Steering Committee meeting.

8. [09095](#) Assets and Issues

Referred to next meeting.

9. **Next Steps**

Generated agenda for next meeting: Thursday March 13; Packer Community Learning Center, 1927 Northport Drive; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- Change location of July 10 & July 24 Steering Committee meetings to Kennedy Heights Community Center.
- Continue Steering Committee neighborhood description presentations.
- Issues List Discussion.
- Discuss Open House outreach efforts.
- Nomination to replace Steering Committee member that withdrew.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Walker, to Adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.