

## Westside Association Meeting Minutes-Feb 2-2012

Meeting called to order by President Connie Drexler @12:00

Approval January minutes (Marcus/Gary) passed

### Treasurer's Report

- \$385.00 collected so far from sign project
- dues invoices and sign invoices going out this week

### Chamber Report:

- New programs for members
  - Payroll service with Clifton Gunderson Allan- discount for chamber members
- Trip to Italy
  - 10 day trip in October
  - arranged through Fox World Travel
- AM Oshkosh- Feb 28- at Fox World Travel 7:30AM
- Business after Hours
  - Feb 16- Algoma Club
  - March 8- Sunnyview/WHBA

### Membership

- New member A Touch of Class Pet Resort

### New Business

- Military museum looking for donation
  - Motion for \$250.00 – John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron- passed
- Junior Achievement Business Challenge- Wednesday March 21- looking for volunteers
- Post card invitation will be going out Feb 20 for the annual meeting March 13

### Sign Project:

- Total for all signs- a little over \$6000.00

Guest Speaker: John Zarate- Chief Building Official –City of Oshkosh

Allan Davis- Community Development Director –City of Oshkosh

- John Zarate
  - With department over 10 years
    - Served as interim official, applied for and got position as chief official
  - Team concept
    - Deliver better service to customers
    - Expand counter service 7:30AM -4:30PM
    - Calls transferred to inspector on duty
    - Working with other departments to expedite multiple permits
    - Track how many people got all permits in one visit- if everything was in order
- Allan Davis
  - Still working with other groups on the downtown hotel
  - Commercial project improvements
  - CVS- still working on the project
  - Riverwalk
    - 2011- Jackson- The Rivers- Mercury- WIOUWASH
      - docks were constructed
      - bids very competitive- good time for construction
    - 2012- Jackson to Main
      - grant money for docks (48)
      - 1<sup>st</sup> segment on South Shore (Wisconsin Ave)
  - Economic Developer Expeditor- coordinate with city, staff, developers- help keep projects on time and budget
  - Purchased Roadway Property- demolish later this year
  - Southwest Industrial Park- own 160 acres- sewer, rds, ready to bid , working with railroads
  - 2012 budget- \$25,000.00 allocated to help market city
  - trying to make it timely and easy to develop and build in Oshkosh

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM

### Next Meetings-

March 13-2012- Annual Meeting – at LaSures Banquet Hall 7:30 Am

Guest speakers- Mark Harris- Winnebago County Executive and Mark Rohloff Oshkosh City Manager

**April 5, 2012- 11:30AM -1PM- Robbins Restaurant-**

Speaker- Zach Pawlowsky- Social Media for Business