

## Westside Association Meeting Minutes-November 1-2012

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

Approval September minutes passed

Treasurer's Report

- current balance is \$5438.76
- payments in Oct-
  - Robbins- \$ 378.00- for Economic Insights Breakfast
  - Encore Event Planning- \$288.75- planning time for Hwy41/21 Ribbon cutting
  - Flyaway Sign- removal of signs - \$401.63
- deposits
  - meal reimbursements- Economic Insights Breakfast
- No outstanding pledges

Chamber Report:

- Annual Meeting was Oct 29
  - John Anderson- outgoing Chairman
  - Julie Belville- Ambassador of the Year
  - John Casper- 25 years with the Chamber
- Citizens First new office opened on Witzel
- Sakura- open on Koeller
- Tamara's will move to the old Schoenberger's shop on Oregon
- JoAnn Fabric under construction next to TJMaxx on Koeller
- Butcher Block scheduled to open in November
- Dollar Tree open on Jackson
- 6.5% unemployment in Oshkosh - lowest in the valley
- County board- budgeted for purchase of 50 acres adjacent to airport
- Nov 29- rolling out marketing campaign - joint effort with city, chamber and Chamco
- chamber website- live after 10 month upgrade
- Business after Hours- Nov 21- Benevenitos

Membership: Chuck Williams has joined

New Business

- Hwy21/41
  - Target opening date November 5 for Hwy 21
  - Celebration for the opening
  - Westside Association will spearhead the Ribbon cutting with a reception at Robbins
  - Tentative time 10:00 AM
- Nominations for 2013
  - President- Connie Drexler
  - VP- Robin Jennings
  - Treasurer- Phil Hergert
  - Secretary- Kathy Hanson
  - Board of Directors:
    - Connie Bartel
    - Phil Hergert
    - Dennis Schwab
    - Mike Scharff ( completing term for Michael Schmidt)
  - motion to accept- John Rubino/ 2nd- John Anderson- passed

Guest Speaker: Allan Davis- Oshkosh Community Development Director and James Rabe

- city has hired an Economic Expeditor
- Commercial plan review has been reduced from 10 days to 3.5 days
- Customer service improved
  - 85% of people able to receive building permits in one trip up from 35%
- Inspections
  - 95% done with in 48 hour target time
- Brought assessors down to 2nd floor
- Riverwalk
  - last piece- Jackson-Main on north shore-
    - may need to finish spring 2013
    - slowed due to original plans not matching actual original work near Beckett's and the hotel

- seawall had to be placed along City Center and the hotel
  - Riverwalk will be 10ft over the water
  - City Center rebuilding courtyard
  - South shore
    - Wisconsin to fishing pier
    - expect to be open by end of the year
    - more natural looking
    - looking to Boatworks
      - use a bridge across the marina
      - working around fishing shacks
        - committee studying long term use of the fishing shacks
  - Have \$2.50 million in grant money for the Riverwalk
- contract for commercial access- CLT- in 2013- would save city \$50,000.00
- ask state to be able to review all types of commercial plans
- electronic plan submissions- would speed process
- Airport- city would purchase 30 acres, annex to city, put in sewer/water/utilities- establish TIF district
- Put money for revolving fund- possible to buy into regional fund
  - take excess money from closed out TIF to fund and create economic opportunities
- Dumke's agreement for Marion/Pearl development ends December 2012- need to decide whether to extend to Dumkes or open to others
- Flood Issues
  - Projects
    - Oakwood Basin
    - Westhaven
    - Fair Acres
    - North High School Detention
    - Glatz Creek- first phase 2013
    - Armory Basin- 2013
    - City Hall parking lot (underground) 2013
    - Dredging of Westfield Bridge area
    - Sawyer Creek water shed/James Road- 2012/2013
    - 9th and Washburn pond 2014
- Street Projects
  - 23rd Avenue
  - West New York/Spruce
  - large storm sewer project

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM