

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-June 2-2011

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

Approval May minutes (Gary/Jeff) passed

Treasurer's Report

- Paid insurance
- One dues collection
- Outstanding pledge – Grand Opera House – due in December
- Currently 44 paid members

Chamber Report:

- Charter flights – allow charters to land during EAA Convention
- Rob was at the shopping center convention – ICS- mad contacts- renewed old contacts
 - Meeting with developer in Milwaukee today (June 2)
- Marketing plan for economic development (surrounding area)
- Events
 - Waterfest begins June 9- every Thursday
 - Live at Lunch begins June 15- every Wednesday

Executive Meeting:

- Meeting on June 9
- Looking for speaker ideas
- Funding requests/ideas

Guest Speaker- John Haese- Winnebago county Highway Department

- In public works over 30 years
- Westside Arterial- west of highway 41
 - 2001 Winnebago County decided to look at possibility of a Westside arterial
 - met with City/County/Townships- suppose to have been an informal meetings- residents in the area come to the meeting with concerns- project put on hold for over 3 years
 - hired a firm to do study -3 years after the initial meeting
 - Boundaries
 - East of highway 41
 - West of County FF
 - North of Highway 21
 - Sough of Highway 26
 - City never mapped Clairville- building took place- prevented Clairville from being used as the arterial
 - County Trunk FF- too far wet to be used
 - Goals/Objectives
 - Identify interchange for access to Hwy 21
 - Identify future highway
 - Officially map corridor
 - Additional linkage between Hwy 21 and 26
 - Improve economic development in the area
 - Two new alternatives
 - Trying to avoid issues (wetlands, power lines, historical buildings) in area south of Hwy 44
 - Development will drive the project
 - Without development no need for arterial highway
 - Town of Nekimi – has protected area- causes problems for area south of Hwy 44
 - Town of Algoma has agreed to mapping to proceed from Hwy 21 to 9th
 - City can them map remainder to Hwy 26
 - Funding-
 - City /townships/ possible state or federal
 - Depending on economy and development- project is 15 or more years away
 - Number one goal- identify corridor and protect right away- if not done- costs can double or more once project begins for right away

Meeting adjourned at 12:55PM