

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>
      - 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