

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-June 3-2010

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

Approval of May minutes

Treasurer's Report-

- Not much activity for the month
- Balance of \$7891.20
- Dues billed earlier in the year
 - 36 paid= \$5400.00 in dues
 - 16 outstanding yet- sending 2nd request

Chamber Report:

- Waterfest 25th season begins on June 3
- June 16- Live at Lunch begins in Opera House Square on Wednesdays
- Rob is back from the International Shopping Center Conference
 - Reconnected with past connections
 - Retail/development still down
 - Not many deals being made yet
- Morton's opened in their new location
- AccuCom scheduled for a mid June opening
- New brand for Oshkosh will be unveiled on August 19 @ 5:00PM at the Convention Center
- Sonic under construction
- Cobblestone Hotel in the Hwy 26 area
- Manhattan opening in the old St John's location
- Business after hours
 - June 16- Buffalo Wild Wings
 - July 13- Citizens First (Hwy 44 location)

Oshkosh Convention and Visitors Bureau

- Cabala's Fishing Tournament- June 5-6 (expecting 400-500 boats)
- Deerfest at Sunnyview
- Country USA – June
- Volleyball Tournament – July
- New coupon book is out

New Business:

- Executive committee met
 - Decided to work on the Inspection Department project
 - Help to resolve issues
 - Open to ideas and suggestions

Guest Speakers: Alan Davis-Director of Community Development- City of Oshkosh

- Began with the city 2 months ago
- Worked for the city of Janesville for a couple of years
- Private firm- planning for small communities
- Hired as Community Director for Grand Chute- was there 12 years
 - Planning/zoning
 - Assessments
 - Inspections
 - Economic development
 - 1000 homes built/500 commercial buildings
- collaboration- big factor in his work in Grand Chute- was able to get plans reviewed and permits issued within a week
- will eventually put together a development process for Oshkosh
 - wants input from Businesses
 - from Westside Association
- heard stories about building in Oshkosh while employed in Grand Chute
- Priorities
 - Address:
 - Doesn't see collaboration between city and developers
 - Improve process for coordination between city departments
 - Interviewing for chief inspector- narrowed to one candidate- may start in July
 - #1 priority- customer service and creating a process
 - compartmentalized here- each depart has own time lines/response time- wants to breakdown the that mentality
- Goals
 - Improving development process

- Work collaboratively with city developers
- Comprehensive plan update
- Near East neighborhood Revitalization
- Public works-
 - Hired 2 or 3 engineers to help with work load
 - May help with plan review
- Inspection Dept
 - Want to change
 - Needs performance standards/measures
- Complaint system
 - Form to fill out- start investigation process
 - Call Allan first to discuss and get the wheels in motion

Meeting adjourned at 1PM