

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-September 2-2010

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

Approval of June minutes – moved/2nd -passed

Treasurer's Report-

- About \$600.00 collected in dues
- Close to \$8000.00 closing balance
- Outstanding- donation to Grand Opera House

Chamber Report:

- Business after Hours- September 7- at Fratellos
- Oct 7- Operation Thank you and Business after Hours at Assurance Title
- Nov 11- annual Holiday Parade
- Nov 1- Annual Meeting at the Convention Center
- Meeting with Postal office – county/state reps/city manager/mayor
 - Postal service not sharing info they gathered from the Green Bay study
 - Won't share criteria of why to close the Oshkosh location
 - Employ 165 people
 - Keeping a close eye on the progress
 - Initial study 9/21- recommendation to Chicago office at the time the chamber will have public comments if needed
 - Recommendations then acted on by area office

New Business:

- October meeting will be held at La Sures at 7:30AM
- Economic Insights- given by Greg Pierce- from Reinhart Partners, Inc
- Topic: legislation that has passed and is pending, and how it affect business
- Postcards will be sent
- Website – up and running Wednesday September 8
 - Want to link to Westside businesses and add Facebook page

Guest Speakers: Alan Davis- Community Development and Kevin Ciabatti- City of Oshkosh Inspections

- Alan Davis:- updates
 - Hired a planner to work with neighborhoods
 - Work closely with foundation and NeighborWorks probably out of Racine/Kenosha area
 - Oshkosh TIF- settled- worked well for both sides
 - Pay as go TIF- Oshkosh Corp takes money over 23 years- lower risk for the city
 - Riverwalk master Plan
 - Riverside Park- riverwalk
 - Bid out for Marion Rd area
 - \$325,000 grants for docks- Wisconsin Waterways
 - Westside Projects:
 - Westside arterial connects 21 to 44 meeting with various groups, looks like it will happen in next 6 months
 - FVTC- picked new site south of EAA- town fought annex
 - Sew and water- multi year project- would encourage growth in the area
 - Airport- complementary growth- high priority on his list- just starting talks- part of the redevelopment plan
- Kevin Ciabatti-
 - Degree in architecture from the University of Kansas
 - Worked for firm the designed Wal-Mart's- learned about processes
 - Moved to Rockford about 15 years ago- got interested in codes
 - Later began working for the city of Rockford
 - Meet with various stakeholders to discuss ways to improve process then develop standards that allow measurement
 - Public Education/Input
 - Process Improvement
 - Performance
 - Accountability- everyone involved in the process needs to be accountable
 - Customer service- key to driving what they do- provide service
 - Team work- with in the Inspections Department and with other city departments
 - Innovation- use technologies that are available
 - Explore what areas are state driven vs. local that require permits- way to simplify
 - Report back to community on a regular basis about progress to change people's opinions- show successes
 - Performance standards for employees- what's required- and will be measured

Meeting adjourned at 1PM