

Westside Association Meeting Minutes-Sept 5-2013

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

Approval August 2013 minutes passed (Gary/Jeff)

Treasurer's Report

- current balance is \$6524.38
- Disbursements for July -
  - one lunch-\$9.45
- Deposits
  - \$150.00 for dues
  - \$10.00 for meal
- Chamber Report:
  - OAEDC- Rob-
    - 120 clients in last year- about 1/3 are expansions
    - 2 major clients for business on Westside (not ready to be public)
    - working with 2 hotel projects
  - new landscape/clean up on the Jeld-Wen site
  - R&D- pharmaceutical company- possibly looking at Oshkosh
  - working with 3 clients for the revolving fund
- Unemployment for July 7.4%
- Oshkosh ranked 4th in state for economic strength
- ranked 51st as small cities
- 2nd in new construction for last year in the state
- Ongoing construction
  - CVS
  - Big Rig Chrome Shop
  - Kwik Trip (by Lowes)
  - Fast n Easy Pawn Shop ( in old AI McDermott Pumps Building - Jackson St)
  - Family Dollar - north side
  - UW-O Alumni Center
  - Sports Authority
- Chamber Happenings
  - Oct 28- Annual Meeting at EAA- Gov Walker has been invited to speak
  - Nov 11-- Holiday parade

New Business:

- Trail Ribbon cutting - Oct 12

Guest Speaker: Allen Davis- Director Community Development- City of Oshkosh

- Building Inspection
  - building inspection on time target 95%- actual in 2013=98+%
  - commercial plan review target less than 5 days- actual was 3.6 days in 2013
  - are now able to do plan reviews for all size building, not limited by state
  - reducing backlog- about 50% of 300 outstanding projects have been inspected and closed out
  - inspection counter- previously permits issued 35% of the time, staffing changes resulted in 80% to 85% success- goal is 90%
- Planning and Zoning
  - TIF District #25- City Center Hotel Project- city put 2 million upfront into the project
    - TIF District #26-Aviation Business Park-
      - created to help finance sewer/water/infrastructure
      - city/county purchased 80 acres to attract Aviation business
      - UW-O looking to use one of the lots for a business accelerator
  - zoning ordinance update in progress through 2014
  - LEAN process for engineering/storm water review underway- recommendations due this fall
- Assessor
  - contract commercial assessor retained for 2013-2014
  - 200 commercial properties records updated(10% per year) to keep closer to 100% value
- Economic Development
  - revolving loan funds established in 2014-TIF cash balance upon close out \$1,000,000+
    - 2 TIF districts due to be closed out in the next year
    - may keep the money for the revolving loan fund or use 1/2 million to join the Wisconsin Economic Development Fund- allows Oshkosh businesses to access the money in the fund
  - city contribution up to \$25,000 for future economic development marketing
    - opportunity Oshkosh rollout
  - Roadway property cleaned up and added to business park- for future office site
  - EDA grant for Aviation business park for \$2,000,000 pending- expect answer this fall
  - rail spur for loading in SWIP- looking for new location- working with the railroad -needs to be relocated in the industrial park
- Riverwalk Update
  - 2010-2013- finished northside (\$2,000,000 grant)
  - 2012-2013- Steiger Park/Fishing pier (\$500,000 grant)
  - 2013-2014- Boatworks property (\$600,000 grant) will be more expensive due to replacing seawall
  - 2014-2016- Jeld-Wen site (grant applications pending)
  - 2017-2018- Pioneer Drive/Pioneer Island
- Redevelopment Sites
  - Rivers 2- WEDC grant of \$300,000-
    - Marion Rd area- Alliance Development- 80 unit bldg
  - Jeld-Wen - WEDC grant of \$150,000- help with demolition

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM