

STEERING COMMITTEE of the SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2006, CULVER LIBRARY, 6:30 P.M.

Members present were Jack Cunningham, Chairman; Dick Brantingham, Vice Chairman; Dusty Henricks, Ed Pinder, and new members Jim Weirick and Kathy Clark. The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

The first order of business was the appointment of a Secretary for the Committee. Ms. Clark agreed to replace former Secretary Ginny Buchman.

The members voiced their thanks to both Clark and Weirick for agreeing to join the Steering Committee. It was acknowledged by all that their current membership on the Culver Redevelopment Commission made them a good fit for this Committee as both groups have the long-term health of the economic environment of Culver as goals.

A motion was made by Henricks to approve the minutes from the July 31st meeting; seconded by Brantingham.

Cunningham requested that a contact list of Steering Committee members be forwarded to Ms. Bobbie Runhow, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, for distribution to all Chamber members and Second Century members. A complete list of Second Century members will be requested from Ms. Runhow so that the Steering Committee will be able to contact members for inclusion on specific project task forces.

Cunningham briefly reviewed the Second Century Committee's mission and project selection objectives. He reiterated that the Committee's main objective is to identify overall community enhancement projects; working year round on one major project that may take an extended period of time to complete and several smaller ones that can be accomplished in the short term. The Committee also will strive to be aware of, and supportive of, other organizations' projects where the goals are compatible to those of Second Century.

The Culver Community Charrette Proposed Project Review list was discussed at length. The following is a summary of projects determined to warrant further consideration/action:

Street Lighting: The Committee offered thanks to the research work done by Judy Campbell. While recognizing that a project of this magnitude is ultimately under the purview of the Town Council, the Committee agreed to the important overall impact it could have by installing "old style" lighting from the northern gateway at ST RT 10, down Lakeshore Drive, and continuing down Main Street to at least the end of the downtown business district. It would also be very fitting to include this lighting in the Jefferson Street gateway from ST RT 17 to Main Street. It was determined that more

research and discussion is needed before presenting the idea to the Town Council. This project will be discussed further at the September meeting of the Steering Committee.

Curbs and Sidewalks: Brantingham is continuing to work with the town on this program. While much has been accomplished, there is still much to do, especially in the area of handicapped access spots necessary to meet Federal guidelines. Dick reported that 16 new curbs have been identified for handicapped access along the main streets of town. It was noted that the Culver Redevelopment Commission could possibly fund this type of new development along the Jefferson gateway. A discussion regarding the Town's cost sharing program, overseen in part by Brantingham, revealed that most members felt that new residential or commercial development should not be beneficiaries of taxpayer monies (used to fund the Town's "share") because there is an existing Town ordinance that sidewalks must be built per Town specifications for any new development. This project is considered by members to be successful and will continue to be on-going.

Jefferson Street Gateway: Weirick and Clark explained that, due to the new Tax Incremental Financing District (TIF II), this area has become a strong focus of the Culver Redevelopment Commission. They are in the preliminary design stages now that may include signage like or similar to that at 10 and Lakeshore Drive, bringing the section of Jefferson Street that is outside the town limits up to town standards, installing new sidewalks and curbs from 17 into town, working with the Culver Tree Commission on landscaping plans, and installing new street lighting. All of these items can be coordinated with the Charrette (used by the Commission) and the Second Century Committee. This project will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Outlining Commercial Buildings – Uptown and Downtown: It was agreed that the Committee should "restart" or revitalize this project with attention paid to uptown (Lakeshore Drive by Park) participation and re-engaging business owners in the downtown area. This project will be moving forward with assignments made at the September meeting.

All other projects (Recommendations category on the Proposed Project Review list) have been determined to be either completed, currently being done, dropped due to legal issues, or under the purview of other civic, business, or government bodies with Culver.

The next meeting of the Second Century Steering Committee will be September 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver – Union Township Library.

Respectfully,

Kathy J. Clark, Secretary
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