

SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE

JOINT GENERAL MEETING AND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MAY 22, 2007 - MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Richard Brantingham at noon at the Edgewater Grill. In **attendance** were the following: Dusty Henricks, Rick Tompos, Ralph Winters, David Baker, Jim Bonine, Jon Guenin, Russ Mason, Kathy Clark, and Bill Cleavenger.

The **Minutes** from the General Membership meeting held on September 25th of 2006 were reviewed by all present and a motion was made by Cleavenger to approve as written, it was seconded by Tompos. All agreed.

The first item discussed was **meeting notification**. Reminder cards were not sent out as they had been in the past and it would appear this may have kept attendance low. The meeting dates of May 22, July 10, and September 11th were announced in the dues letter that was sent out to all 2nd Century members and Chamber members on April 20, 2007. It seems clear that a reminder of meeting date/time is necessary to improve attendance and it was decided among those present that a card would be sent out prior to the July 10th meeting that references both that date and the meeting date of September 11th. Second Century Secretary Clark will try to coordinate with Chamber Secretary Runhow to make sure this happens. If a broad membership list of both Chamber and 2nd Century members can be accessed it was also noted that a phone call reminder would be attempted by Steering Committee members just prior to the July 10th meeting date. Vice Chair Brantingham noted that this approach is used by the Culver Lions and it is quite successful in increasing attendance.

General membership make-up was also discussed at length. While the 2nd Century Committee was originally formed as an economic development/commercial enhancement arm of the Chamber of Commerce in Culver to work on the Mary Means Study and the Culver Charrette; the Chamber has since dropped the requirement that someone must be a member of the Chamber in order to be a member of the 2nd Century Committee. While still remaining under the umbrella of the Chamber; anyone with an interest in identifying improvements that may lead to an enhanced business atmosphere and/or that encourages new companies and visitors alike to come to Culver is welcome to join. The membership fee remains at \$25 per person and individual project donations are still accepted. It is believed that by not requiring membership in the Chamber a broader range of interested people may decide to participate thus affording a wider pool of ideas and input to consider. It may also help encourage many of our summer residents to participate while they are here. To this end, all members were asked to consider others they know and encourage them to participate. Any names that a member wishes to be added to our notification list should be passed on to one of the Steering Committee members and/or directly to Secretary Clark. They will receive a notice card and phone call in early July if

they are received in a timely fashion. A press release will also be written pointing up these aspects of the Committee to help spread the word to the general public.

Dick Brantingham updated the members on the **Sidewalk Program**. He, Jim Bonine, and Kathy Clark attended an Indiana Department of Transportation workshop on a new grant program called Safe Routes To School to see if it would fit with 2nd Century's and the Town of Culver's sidewalk plans. Due to problems in administration of this new program it has been decided not to pursue this avenue at this time. A discussion was held that centered on the School/Church sidewalk problem and three other areas that the town is looking at. Culver Town Council has rewritten their cost sharing program and is now dedicating half of the available funds each year to specific direct sidewalk construction projects. The other half of the funds will continue to be available on a cost-share basis coordinated by the Town Manager and Town Clerk on a first come first served basis as long as they adhere to the newly revamped town ordinance. Town Manager Guenin explained that four projects have specs drawn up and he will place them for bid with at least three contractors as soon as possible.

Kathy Clark updated the group on the Jefferson Gateway project that is a joint venture between 2nd Century and the Culver Redevelopment Commission. Things are progressing nicely with water and sewer plans/specs completed by Commonwealth Engineers; Jefferson Street streetscape plans are 38% complete (a working architectural map was provided for members to review); and project team members are involved in discussions with various affected property owners. The CRC is soliciting banks at this time to provide bond funding. The project team is working hard to adhere to a schedule that will allow for utilities to be installed in or around August of this year. This timing is important as it will allow all of the commercial and industrial properties in the TIF II District to be placed on the Indiana Economic Development Commission's marketing web site under a program called Shovel Ready. If successful, our properties will be added to an existing list of only 12 properties from across Indiana.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Kathy Clark, Secretary 2nd Century Committee