

## SECOND CENTURY STEERING COMMITTEE – MAY 7, 2008 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Brantingham. Present were members Tompos, Weirick, Henricks, and Clark. Also present were Culver Chamber President Mike Stallings and Chamber Secretary Bobbie Runhow.

Minutes from the Steering meeting of 9/6/07 were approved by a motion from Tompos, seconded by Weirick – all ayes.

Tompos presented the 2007 Financial Report which shows a 2008 beginning balance of \$2,486.63. Earnings for the SCC fund invested with the Marshall County Community Foundation reflected the generally weakening economy with only 4% earnings posted on investments. The first quarter of 2008 is expected to be weak also. Dues collected for all of 2007 were \$1,200. Expenses were \$884 which included the costs for the courtesy pier, event boards for the “gazebo” signs, as well as the Culver banners that hang from posts around town. A discussion was held concerning whether any of these expenses should be covered by the SCC. It was agreed that the SCC, as noted in its By-laws, is supposed to be a community focus group; an organization formed to generate ideas to promote the social and economic health of our community. Discussion needs to occur this year on how to get other organizations that benefit from these three projects to take over the annual expense involved. Member Henricks has moved in that direction by getting six of the communities’ restaurants to contribute \$50 each to the community pier. Expansion of this program, including the organization of it, should continue in 2008. (Restaurants participating: City Tavern, Culver Coffee Company, Edgewater, Original Root Beer Stand, Osborn’s, and Papa’s.)

Tompos and members of the Chamber’s Board of Directors are working on a list of community projects with the aim of formalizing what should be the property of the town and who should be responsible for annual maintenance/set-up, etc. Items include Christmas decorations, street banners, pier, Culver monument signs, the lighthouse, etc. They will be requesting a spot on the Town Council’s work session agenda as soon as they are ready. A Chamber member and an SCC member should present.

The content of the 2008 dues letter was discussed and Ms. Runhow agreed to send out what Clark received final approval on.

As part of the discussion on last fall’s community input on needs/projects the Steering Committee agreed that final results would be discussed at future general meetings. Weirick presented the idea that the SCC hold its general meetings at other organization’s meetings. This would promote participation from the respective organizations. Weirick offered a Kiwanis meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>, Clark will try for a Lions meeting August 13<sup>th</sup>, and Tompos would work on a Chamber meeting in October.

The Steering Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at the Culver Coffee Company (back room) to review last fall’s community input and plan how the three general meeting programs will be run.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Kathy Clark  
May 27, 2008