

Culver 2nd Century Steering Committee

Minutes - Tuesday, June 12, 2011

7:30 A.M. Culver Coffee Company

Members in attendance: Dick Brantingham, Rick Tompos, Patty Stallings, Rita Mason.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Brantingham.

The Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Second Century Steering Committee were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Rick Tompos presented:

- a balance of \$2,250.00 with 20 paid members.

Project Teams Status

- Town Revitalization (Indiana Main Street Affiliation) – There was a discussion on how to get this affiliation going with Dick Brantingham taking the lead by meeting with Greg Fassett to get the application finished and the by-laws created. The benefit of joining such an organization is to become eligible for many grants that are exclusive to its members.
- Community Communications – The Second Century Committee has taken a leadership role in providing support for the local weekly newspaper. Patty Stallings reported that she is working with Jeff Kenney of the Culver Citizen to encourage local organization to participate in the paper by buying informational ads thus increasing the advertising revenues for the paper. The Chamber of Commerce has begun an email campaign to encourage readers to take out a yearly subscription. Raising the cost of purchasing the paper through subscriptions and pick up was greatly encouraged by Chamber members.
- Recreational Bike and Fitness Path – Mike Stallings reported for Jack Cunningham that the committee was looking for the map developed for the sign placements. The Town of Culver, Marshall County and the State of Indiana all have their respective signs. Jon Mulford will recreate the map and Mike Stallings will follow up on installation. Second Century Committee paid for the design and construction of the signs. We will find out who has or will pay for the brochures of the route.
- Town Growth and Infrastructure – The Ohio and Main Street improvements are well on their way while the South West Conservancy District has finished the lines from the Culver Water Treatment facility along West Shore and South Shore Drives. Each homeowner will then contract to have their system hooked up to the Conservancy. Improvements to the Culver treatment plant have yet to begin.

New Business.

- Courtesy Pier – Dick Brantingham recounted the difficulties of getting the pier in the water for use. Parts were missing and others needed welding. The condition of the pier is not good and needs to be replaced. A discussion followed with Second Century Steering Committee encouraged to work with the Culver Park Board so that they would take control of the pier, while the Second Century Committee find ways to have a new pier and signage funded. Dick Brantingham offered names of families who used the pier and who would be interested in helping to fund a new one. Rick Tompos offered to get pier information together and present it to the Marshall County Foundation's Vonnegut Fund, which is specific to needs of Lake Maxinkuckee.
- City Manager Position – The committee decided to ask Chairman Dick Brantingham to make a public statement at a Town Council meeting encouraging the council members to continue their search for a City Manager. Suggestions that the council raise the salary of the City Manager, look into using a professional job hunter for their search, and providing a time limit on moving into the Town of Culver or surrounding areas were made and will be passed on to council members.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held on July 12, 2011, 7:30 A.M. at the Culver Coffee Company

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Stallings, Secretary