

## SECOND CENTURY GENERAL MEETING

Minutes – August 9, 2011 Noon  
Culver Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Brantingham

The Second Century General Meeting minutes of May 24, 2011 were approved as presented.

- I. Rick Tompos, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of just over \$2,000.00. He said that we have 22 paid members but he expect that number to rise to about 40.
- II. Chairman Dick Brantingham asked each of the Team Champions to give a brief update on their progress.

### **Ginny Bess Munroe: Government Growth Initiative and Infrastructure,**

- Reported the Town's sewer plant upgrade under a state DR2 Grant for over \$996,000.00 with the Town adding \$425,000.00, has completed Phase I with all contracts signed and paperwork completed. The Town removed sludge from the plant as specified under the grant and are on schedule to complete the project by next spring. The Town's sewer connection with the Southwest Conservancy District will be finished on time.
- Additionally, the Town of Culver, through a Safe Routes to School Grant, is replacing curbs, sidewalks and streets of Ohio and Main. The improvements should be finished this fall.
- Town Board Members are interviewing five finalists for the position of Town Manager.
- The Downtown Revitalization Grant work has been delayed due to the fact that the 2 blocks of downtown are a designated historical district and certain steps must be taken by the Town Board to make note and provide displayed information. Also, an archeological search must be made of the area in case there is something of interest. Both these studies must be paid for by the Town of Culver. The project's start will probably be delayed until the fall of 2012.
- The Town Board is considering placing a 4 face decorative street clock somewhere along the 2 block downtown area and is looking for outside funding of about \$7,200.00

### **In the absence of John Mulford, Patty Stallings reported on the Recreational Path Project,**

Only 3 signs remain to be placed along the route and Bob Porter will be installing them when the town workers have the time. A discussion followed as to whether brochures, containing a map and description of the Culver Bike Route should be printed and distributed.

### **Ginny Bess Munroe, Community Communications,**

Introduced Jeff Kenney, Editor of the Culver Citizen Newspaper, who alerted the members to certain monetary demands needed to keep the weekly newspaper available. He believes we must develop a long- term plan to support the Culver Citizen. Civic organizations are seeking ways of supporting the newspaper through the end of 2011 by buying bi-monthly ads, which would highlight the organization's activities and educate the public to its goals.

- III. Member Tom Kearns described a small sidewalk project, 255 feet long, which would run along the east side of School Street from Millers Merry Manor south as it connects to the sidewalk along the Culver School District's girls softball field. The cost of the extension would be \$6,250.00. This would provide a safe avenue away from the Manor if there was an emergency and over fifty residents would need to be evacuated. Although there is no money in the Town's Sidewalk Replacement Fund, he has applied for funding from the Marshall County Foundation and hopes to have the sidewalk installed this year.
- IV. Chairman Dick Brantingham and Treasurer Rick Tompos explained the proposed change in Second Century By-Laws, which will make the organization a 501-(C) (3) thus allowing us to receive Federal and State set aside grants and qualifying us as a Not-For-Profit, Tax-Exempt

Organization. Dick Swennumson moved that we change the By-Laws as proposed. Dusty Henricks seconded the motion and the members present voted to approve those changes. A copy of the revised By-Laws as voted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 are attached as Addendum I.

IV. Member Trent Bennett, a member of the Culver Redevelopment Commission, reported that the Commission was working on finding and pursuing a grant to enhance the facades of our downtown buildings, through the Indiana Main Street affiliation.

The next General Meeting of the Second Century Committee will take place at Culver Public Library on Tuesday, September 27th at noon.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Stallings, Secretary