

OTW- Meeting January 13, 2015

Present: Patti, Jon, Peggy, Brian, Keith P., Hugh

Excused: Chris, Antoinette, Linda

Old Business:

Mtg. Notes approved can be “published”

Mailing worked this time

Winter (Annual) Dinner will be in April. See if April 12 or 19 work for Atlas Mill.

Think about a theme or activity for the Annual Meeting.

No interest in History Fair

Brian contacted Economic Development Specialist for City of Appleton Matt Rabine re: Neighborhood Grants. Council approved \$3,000 for neighborhood groups – may be O.K. for OTW newsletter – criteria not set yet.

Need to put budget together for Rabine. Jon remarked that Twitter might be good resource for us for reminders about OTW events, meetings.

Spring Newsletter: Looking at a March timeframe. Similar to Summer/Fall one: ask Antoinette to coordinate this due to Linda’s health.

City Report: Bridge over Jackman Street set to go this Spring (weather permitting.) Stairs go in next year. Sidewalks will be on both sides with ramp on one side. Bike lanes for Prospect Avenue not yet on schedule. Federal money mandates bike lanes. Pioneer Park sidewalks to be bid in Spring/to coincide with bridge replacement.

Water Street Park not yet transferred from Municipal Services to Parks Department.

Expo Center: Consultant reports City should own Expo Bldg. L & M (Radisson owners) must sell property. Supposed interest from Marcus Corp. 500 page document to “sell” property - marketed to attract state convention business.

Selected library site has constraints – infrastructure problems, might need to move to Post-Crescent site. Parks Dept. will not be co-tenant, exists at three sites.

Flats Bldg. to convert to housing: Neenah Paper (tenth biggest water user in district) will expand nearby. [Plans since altered to have fewer units, added sidewalks: approved by Council(?).] Foremost site still not settled; owner has defaulted on GB properties.

Wheel Tax approved: no more special assessments.

New Business: Patti to run against Richard Thompson for Common Council seat. Neighborhood Grants Program: Patti on CBDG committee. Must be in gray zone for LMI funds. Can we use such \$\$\$ for parks/stair maintenance? Roxie Schmidt would know: Patti to contact her — Feb. 1 & Aug. 1 deadlines. Brian to forward application

to OTW board.

Brian attended "sex offender" mtg. at Police Station. His take: "these people often do this act with people they know." We have such people in OTW. Patti concerned with location next door to young families. State can lease houses w/o restrictions.

Baumruk's house is up for sale.

At next meeting we will talk about goals for 2015 and a 2015 budget. Bring suggestions. Can we get pro bono work? Linda will ask Tom Sutter. On-going cost for WI & Fed. Non-profit status, cost & benefit analysis.

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 22, 7PM @ Brian's House.