

COURTHOUSE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

County Board Rm#
Dec. 16
5:30

Steering Committee
November 22, 1993
MINUTES

Present: Frank Council, Sally Johnson, Linda Muldoon, Joyce Anderson, Bill Anderson, Dan Hulbert, John Barkett, Bruce Ladewig, Mary Beth Laux, Tom Oudenhoven, Meg Casey

1. Selection of Association Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recording Secretary took place. The following selections were unanimous: Frank Council, Chair; John Barkett, Vice-Chair; Meg Casey, Recording Secretary.
2. Frank has generated a list of the individuals in attendance at the meeting on 11-16-93 (66 signatures, 49 residences represented). He has cross referenced this with those who have signed the petition. Follow-up will take place in regard to additional signatures on the petition.
3. Frank has been in contact with National Historical Trust for Preservation, State Trust Historical Preservation, and Kathleen Rumsey, City of Appleton. He will be receiving more information regarding necessary proceedings in regard to the Trusts. He will also be receiving information on the criteria for homes/districts to be placed on the Historical National Register.
4. Several meetings are coming up that call for representatives to be present:
City of Appleton, Board of Public Works - 11-29-92, 4 PM
County Property Committee - 11-23-93, 4 PM
5. It was noted that the County Plan is on hold for three months until the East Central Planning Commission has completed its study. Noted that the city has had some concerns in the past regarding this commission's work. Noted that City of Appleton has more recently become more "preservation" minded.

In regard to the East Central Planning Commission, noted a need to have contact with this group in order to know the procedures for the study to be done as well as when/if individuals in the community are able to become active in the proceedings. We do not want to wait until the findings of this study are reported before becoming active. Contact with the mayor in regard to this study is also necessary.

Frank has copies of the County Long Range Plan (1979) and the City Study (1991). If individuals are interested in reviewing these, contact Frank.

6. Bruce Ladewig noted that he has done further research on the 5th Street property that was reportedly recently sold. This purchase has been made by the City of Appleton Redevelopment Committee. However, the title remains in the name of John Swalback. Bruce will keep in contact regarding this. He also noted past contact with the County in regard to closing the 5th Street entrance to the parking area with no relief.
7. Discussed possibly short term solutions for our concerns, solutions that would be acceptable to the neighborhood residents. Was well noted that full utilization of existing ramps needs to be given significant consideration prior to any additional building. Six possibilities were noted:
 1. Assign parking space in the West End parking ramp/upper level to county employees.
 2. Assign parking space in the Midtown parking ramp to county employees.
 3. Move to gain commercial property for additional parking area (APD, College Avenue).
 4. Give specific guidelines for ramp IF built at Walnut & 6th. These would include location, underground, aesthetic buffer, set back from street, perimeters, controls regarding expansion.
 5. Use of shuttle service to existing ramps.
 6. Full utilization of existing ramps.
8. Long range planning needs to address the impact on historical areas. This needs to be reviewed by the State Historical Society. National Trust does have guidelines in regard to demolition of such areas.

Another area in regard to long range planning for individuals to give consideration to would be a statement in deeds that would restrict sale of homes/property. Frank has had contact with a lawyer in Milwaukee that is reviewing this possibility and will share additional information in this respect as it is available.

9. A question was raised in regard to the parking issue being the total agenda in regard to the Mayor and County Executive. Is there another agenda? This is unknown at this time. This also adds to the importance of representation at all city and county meetings that deal with this issue in any way.
10. Upcoming meetings will be attended by the following:
 - County Property Meeting - 11-23-93 - 4 PM
 - John Barkett, Sally Johnson, Bill & Joyce Anderson, Frank Council, Linda Muldoon, Mary Beth Laux (if possible)
 - City of Appleton/Board of Public Works - 11-29-93 - 4 PM
 - Sally Johnson, John Barkett, Frank Council, Mary Beth Laux (if possible)
11. John Barkett noted that he had been contacted by Matt Krueger, TV-11, regarding this evening's meeting. They are interested in doing an editorial regarding the situation. Noted a need to keep all statements neutral versus use of specific names.

12. Other areas being addressed:

Property values in 4-block area that has been identified - Bill Anderson and John Barkett will calculate this.

Press release regarding association, actions being taken/proposed - Frank Council will write this.

Mailing to neighbors - Joyce Anderson and John Barkett will disburse this information in order to keep expenses down. Meg will complete minutes of tonight's meeting, review with Frank and make necessary modifications. Identified area is bounded by Memorial Drive, Lawrence Street, Oneida Street, and Prospect Avenue.

13. All residents are strongly encouraged to contact all alderpersons and county supervisors to inquire regarding where they stand on this issue.

14. The name given to this group of concerned citizens has been Courthouse Area Neighborhood Association.

15. Our next meeting of the steering committee will be on Tuesday, 11-30-93, at 7 PM at Joyce and Bill Anderson's home (335 West 6th Street). Meg Casey will contact the courthouse regarding procedure for scheduling use of space there.

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