

## COURTHOUSE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Steering Committee  
November 30, 1993  
MINUTES

Present: Dan Hulbert, Linda Muldoon, Ann Sager, John Barkett, Sally Johnson, Frank Council, Bill & Joyce Anderson, Meg Casey, Mark & Mary Beth Laux  
Guests: Terry Laib, Rick Schroeder

1. Minutes of November 22, 1993, had been mailed. Sally moved they be approved as distributed, second by Bill. Approved.
2. Terry Laib and Rick Schroeder, Oshkosh Volunteers for Preservation, were present to share the history of their organization. Copies of their articles and bylaws were passed on to Frank for consideration in writing ours. Their principle reason for organizing had been the proposed demolition of Read School in Oshkosh. In the process they contracted with a consultant from National Preservation Register to assist in the necessary study and paperwork. This added to their credibility. Their organization does have dues of \$5/year for membership but most monies are raised through fundraisers such as their tour of homes held last spring. They noted that the coverage of the action in Appleton has been very good. They felt a press release to National Trust and Wisconsin Trust would be in order.

Oshkosh Volunteers for Preservation also prints a newsletter which is distributed to approximately 700 individuals. Distribution takes place within immediate neighborhood as well as through availability at area businesses.

Also noted that National Trust has a piece titled "Organizing a Neighborhood" available which would be useful and samples of Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Filing fee for incorporation is \$35.00 and needs to be done by accountant. Register status is received on a temporary status as soon as papers are filed. Copies of another neighborhood effort in the Minneapolis area will be forwarded to us by Sharon Marshall.

3. Questioned need for full neighborhood meeting for approval to adopt articles and bylaws. Noted that Steering Committee would be sufficient. Discussed ideal numbers for size of the board; four officers, four members at large.
4. Some discussion of area to be covered in our efforts, immediate area versus city-wide, in regard to historical district. Noted best to remain in immediate area at this time with a long range goal of assisting other neighborhoods in similar efforts and joining the Lawrence University area. This would allow us to keep focus on needed effort at this time. Goal would be to have area declared an historical district.

5. Discussed how we can include others in our effort. This is in response to a call received in "It's Your Call". Suggestions included letters to the editor, use of "It's Your Call", monthly meetings open to public, membership .
6. Reports on the county/city meetings attended were given. Sally reported on the County Property Committee. This committee stands against Van de Hey's proposed actions. The study recently proposed will not be funded through this committee's budget. Bill Brehm and Judy Hebbe, County Supervisors, assured Sally that nothing will happen without notice. They also noted that no property has been acquired and that \$200,000 amount was not only for property purchase. Sally distributed copies of the Courthouse Walking Tour Map. This was prepared by the Outagamie County Historical Society and continues to be distributed through the county museum. Sally will be doing some volunteer work with the museum in order to do research on this area of the city. Moira Thompson of the museum will assist in the process.

City Board of Public Works has put the resolution on hold until the East Central Planning Commission study is completed. They do want to work with the county on this issue. The major portion of the board were supportive, sympathetic to the issue. They did speak some of the possibility of a ramp.

7. In area of media, a report/newsletter was distributed to the neighborhood area. Channel 11-WLUK presented an editorial on tonight's news.
8. Calculation of property values for the 4-block area are in process. This will be completed in January after updated valuations are a part of record. At this time not all new valuations have been figured.
9. Committee Formation:
  - City Issues Committee - on hold.
  - County Issues Committee - next meeting is December 8, 1993, at 4 PM.
  - East Central Planning Commission - Contact person would be Harlan Kiesow. John Barkett, Bill Anderson, and Linda Muldoon will pursue this area in regard to their process and citizen participation.
  - County Board Meeting - December 14, 1993, 6:30 PM. Sally, Frank, Mary Beth, and Meg will attend.
  - Formation of Association - Frank, Sally, Meg, Mary Beth and Dan will meet to review copies of articles/bylaws received. After review is completed they will meet to draft copy same for our association.
10. Addressed the area of expenses being met at this time. Noted that those individuals should keep record of all costs and look at reimbursement further down the road.

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11. Call had been received regarding window signs. Tom Kelly had initially had these printed. Meg will contact him regarding this. After completion she will distribute to the individual that requested one. Additional ones will be also be available.
12. Joyce Anderson will solicit signatures for the petition that was available at the initial neighborhood meeting. Frank had prepared a cross reference listing of those in attendance and those who had not signed the petition.
13. Next meeting of this group will be on Thursday, December 16, 1993 at 5:30 PM in the County Board Room. Meg will make the necessary arrangements for this. IF the Board Room is NOT available, we will meet at the Laux home (303 South Walnut Street).

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