

COURTHOUSE NEIGHBORHOOD
Steering Committee
January 11, 1994

Present: Frank Council, Sue Martinson, Bill & Joyce Anderson, Margo Chadwick, Sally Johnson, Mary Beth & Mark Laux, Linda Muldoon, Meg Casey, Dan Hulbert, Ann Sager

1. Motion for the approval of minutes from 12/16/93 made by Mary Beth, second by Bill. Carried.

2. Committee Reports:

A. County Issues - nothing to report.

B. East Central Planning Commission - Sue Martinson has spoken to Ken These of the commission. Noted need to address environmental issues, traffic planning. Questioned need to check these and air quality. Ken was agreeable to meeting with this group in regard to concerns, effects on neighborhood. Noted Ken T. has personal interest in Fox River preservation. Sue will invite him to next meeting. Noted need to formulate neighborhood goals. Frank reviewed those listed in the Organization Committee materials.

C. Historical - Linda reported that she had met with Tom Mullen. He had completed a map of the block noting names of residents, anecdotes. She will meet again with him.

She had attempted to contact Moira Thompson, County Museum. Moira is no longer with the Historical Society. New staff person in charge of history workshop will help with an individual's history of home. He was to put in writing what he could offer (photos, tax records, etc.) but Linda has not received this information.

Linda was also in contact with Harlan Kiesow at ECPC on 1/7/94. She asked him if he felt our actions were worthwhile and he noted that our efforts were. Posed question to him regarding what they can give regarding research already completed (original photos, notes on history of neighborhood). Would prefer we come as small group to gather information versus a number of individuals.

Discussed the alternatives available, costs involved, recommendations. Questioned need for environmental impact study in light of demolition. Noted that if one house per block were eligible for historical register, it would block county from state/federal dollars. A long term goal would be to see a local preservation ordinance passed with local board to oversee use of dollars on impacted area.

With this in mind, our task at this time is to identify and prepare the necessary documentation for individual and/or district. Frank shared the application for his home. Sally will check further regarding use of history workshop at County Museum.

Frank addressed the "10 Most Endangered List" application. He completed this with enclosures of the historical walking tour map, newspaper clippings, East Central historical survey, city survey, Alderman letters and other correspondence, as well as Van De Hey's goals.

Ann had drafted a questionnaire/survey to distribute to all residents within the defined area. This will be taken to the Historical Committee to review format and distribute with a cover letter.

- D. Organizing Committee - no word from attorney at this time. Will schedule a meeting at that time.

3. New Business

- A. Newspaper Publicity - Frank noted that he had received ten calls as well as several letters. One call was from Jim Shimmer, Appleton Downtown, Inc., regarding historical organization in Appleton. Frank noted willingness to work together. Noted he had written to Anne Higgins to solicit assistance, support, but has received no response at this time.

Mary Beth noted that ADI has done a survey of County employees regarding parking needs. Linda had also received one which leads us to believe this included all of downtown businesses.

- B. Newsletter - Sally is interested in doing this. Noted a need to keep individuals updated regarding the steps that are being taken. Will include this information with the Historical Survey when it is distributed. Will include information from past steering committee meetings.
- C. Noted use of church bulletins (St. Joseph, St. Mary) and their bulletin boards to keep neighbors aware as well as other interested individuals. Would also use this as a vehicle to collect information regarding the area.

4. Old Business

- A. Posters - Joyce had a number of them printed. Will get some to Meg for distribution.
- B. Property values have been updated. Bill will collect this information.
- C. Linda had petition from shop to hand in. Noted that some individuals came down specifically to sign it.

NEXT MEETINGS:

- Steering Committee - January 25, 1994, 6:00 PM -
Laux Home, 303 South Walnut Street
- History Committee - January 18, 1994, 7:00 PM - Will meet at the library in WI Collection area; work on survey.
- EC Planning - January 15, 1994, 4:15 PM - Sue Martinson, 604 W 5th
Will prepare draft of group's goals for 1/25/94 meeting.