

COURTHOUSE AREA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Steering Committee  
January 25, 1994

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

Guests: Anne Higgins, Jim Shimmer - both of ADI

1. Agenda approved.
2. Bill moved for approval of January 11th minutes, second by Margo. Approved.
3. Jim Shimmer and Anne Higgins were present this evening. They are, respectively, the Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors of Appleton Downtown, Inc. (ADI).

IN SUMMARY, Jim noted that downtown Appleton is still a neighborhood shopping district, still has a relationship between neighborhoods and shopping, and therefore needs to tend to this relationship. To do so, it will become fundamental to establish and organize neighborhood groups. Our neighborhood organization is new to Appleton, more common to larger communities, but it is critical that issues are addressed as we are doing.

The assistance that ADI can offer is in the areas of historic preservation (application and nomination) and assistance in further organization of the group. Appleton Heritage Society can offer information regarding the care of older homes. They can also assist in convening a meeting with city/county officials (more below) and make a statement regarding historical district development. Possible that they can send letter to East Central Planning Commission supportive of the neighborhood as a fundamental presence.

ADI is committed to working with the city, as planning regarding the downtown is important. Residential is one of four components in the ADI Mission Statement. Also noted that Appleton needs to develop a vision, long range plan, and that ADI is working with city officials to establish this. ADI Board recognizes that plans are needed and this plan needs to be enforced by elected decision makers in our community - therefore, elected need to BELIEVE in the plan.

Jim Shimmer recommended a meeting of city and county officials (Warren Uttecht, Bob Stadel) with this group. In preparation for such a meeting a map of the area with good/bad properties clearly identified would need to be completed as well as a plan/ideas as to addressing growth problems in the neighborhood. Also need to keep in mind that adequate communication between two groups (city, county) does not take place. Encouraged to not allow this factor to deter us.

We will forward goals/objectives to ADI for review by their Board and keep ADI updated on a regular basis in regard to our efforts.

Expressed our thanks to both Jim and Anne for attending our meeting this evening.

4. Committee Reports:

EC Planning Committee - Goals/objectives distributed and reviewed. After careful consideration and revision, a motion was made by Sally, seconded by Dan, to accept the goals and objectives. These were approved by the Steering Committee this date. Our thanks to Sue, Linda, and Bill for their work. Meg will retype and distribute for individuals to pass on to ADI, Walter Kalata, and EC Planning. These will also be distributed to committee members with next meeting notice.

History Committee - Surveys have been developed and are ready for distribution. Individuals took sufficient to distribute to all homes within the designated boundaries. This committee will do more work following the return of the surveys. There is a need to develop a master map. Bill volunteered to complete this. Sally noted there is a workshop regarding Historical PRESERVATION and available resources being offered by the County Museum. This is on May 21, 1994, and is offered at 11 AM and 4 PM. Sally will check regarding fee.

Organization Committee - Frank will be meeting with lawyers next week.

5. John Barkett has indicated a need to resign from the committee for personal reasons. This will be further addressed at the next meeting.

6. Property Values: Bill will be double checking regarding addresses, but the totals he could report at this time are -
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| Assessed Values | \$2,752,000 |
| Taxes           | \$ 105,620  |

7. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8, 1994, at 6 PM. This will be held at Sally Johnson's home, 325 West Prospect Avenue. Sue Martinson will invite Ken Thieme, EC Planning, to attend.

8. Records will be checked at EC Planning offices on Tuesday, 2/1/94 at 1 PM. If interested contact Sally or Frank. At this point, Linda, Frank, Sally, and Meg will attend.