

*West Central Neighborhood Association*  
Minutes of the Board  
January 9, 2007

**Board members present:**

Casi Bromelmeier  
John Simerman  
Mike Walsh  
Jill Downs  
Charlotte A. Weybright  
Mike Anderson

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**CHDOs**

- A presentation was made by Nikki on the “Citizen Participation Plan” for CHDOs. She presented the information via a PowerPoint presentation and provided handouts as well.
- Mission statement required wording change which was done
  - Motion to accept new wording by Mike Walsh
  - Casi Bromelmeier seconded and motion passed
- Technical piece
  - Citizen Participation Plan which provides for affordable housing and engaging community input was discussed
  - Community needs to be made aware of what a CHDO is
    - WCNA must engage citizen input
      - Put approaches for engagement into bylaws
      - Involve community input is an effective way to make changes
        - Those with low-income lack voice
      - WCNA must advocate for CHDO and make sure the mission is known
        - Open forum for citizens to express themselves
  - Bylaws need to include specifics on how we plan to engage community participation
    - WCNA should actively pursue diversity on the board
    - Establish volunteer roles for citizens
  - Citizen Participation Plan needs to be included into multi-year housing strategy
  - WCNA should identify community assets available to other CHDOs by networking

## **REPORTS**

- Neighborhood Plan Meeting – a handout was provided by Jill Downs which listed the topics of the January 8, 2007, meeting. The topics included:
  - A Door-to-Door campaign with Model Block's info.
  - Discussion of uses for the \$50,000 CDBG money WC will be receiving soon
  - Discussion of the Broadway Streetscape project
- Income/Expense Summary – Mike Walsh provided an Income/Expense summary for review

## **NEW BOARD MEMBER**

- Discussion was held as to a new board member, Al Hofer
- A motion was made by Casi Bromelmeier and second by Mike Anderson to accept Al Hofer as a new board member. Motion was passed by voice vote
- Further discussion was held on the size of the and the difference between voting and non-voting members
- February board agenda will include continued discussion of member qualifications

## **PAT OPPOR; HIRING; AUDIT' BUDGET**

- Discussion was held on hiring Pat Oppor on a regular basis to address 501(c)(3) status and any additional requirements that might arise
- IACED says WCNA needs to have an audit
  - Audits are necessary to allow WCNA to tie into available grants
  - WCNA will talk to Pat Oppor first and then decide on necessity of an audit
  - Consensus to do audit
    - Possibility of reimbursement
    - Jill will call City to check on \$5,000 refund

## **HARRISON SQUARE**

- Transitional area which includes west side of Ewing Street was discussed
- WCNA will request City Plan Commission to develop a plan for areas not incorporated into Harrison Square project

## **901 W. WASHINGTON**

- Recent fires have destroyed part of apartment building
- Chris Schlup is Code Enforcement
  - Condemnation of building is plan WCNA would like to follow

## **BROADWAY BUILDINGS**

- 1010 Broadway (old bakery) has been sold to an architect
- 1300 Broadway is in foreclosure
- Buildings have historic district protection
- Sage Traders will be on market

## **WASHINGTON SCHOOL**

- Fort Wayne Community Schools Task Force has suggested closing Washington Elementary
- ARCH has contacted school task force because of nature of buildings

## **FLOODING**

- Since nothing had been heard from the City on the Thieme Drive flooding issue, Jill contacted Dave Ross, the City Engineer, to ask about the status
- Dave Ross stated that the City is proposing closing down one lane of Thieme Drive and erecting an earthen levy
- Mr. Ross indicated the City would be scheduling a meeting either in January or March to present the plan to the WCNA

## **WEBSITE**

- The WCNA website needs to be updated
- John Simerman will contact John Garzelloni about updating website
- Mike Anderson will check on ownership of the website name

## **PRESERVATION MONTH**

- May is preservation month so several ideas were discussed
  - Scavenger hunt
  - Bowling party
    - GE has a bowling alley so possibly a community bowling night could be held
  - Jill will check on Landmarks workshop

## **GRANTS**

- Grants can provide funding for a number of projects
- WCNA has a non-profit number to be used with an account at Staples

## **OTHER**

- Hospital parking
  - Employees are again parking in front of Mmike's house
- Group Discount for neighborhood was discussed using a "West Central" neighborhood card

Respectfully submitted

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West Central Neighborhood Association  
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