

WEST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of January 15, 2007 Meeting



WEST CENTRAL PLAN MEETING

- Jill Downs provided a summary of the Plan meeting
 - Letter to City Plan Commission to amend WCNA plan to include Fairfield Avenue area
 - City should be responsible for developing plan
 - Dissemination of Model Block info
 - Door-to-door campaign was discussed to make residents aware of funding available for projects
 - City meeting with Plan Commission to talk about Broadway project

CITIZEN'S CRIME WATCH

- Report by Larry Coddling
 - Larry informed the group of access to free credit report to ensure that no credit fraud has occurred
 - Next meeting is January 16, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. at Creighton Avenue police station

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1134 Nelson Street
 - WCNA will be presenting plans to the Preservation Review Board
 - WCNA will use drawings provided by TomCain
 - WCNA will make application to City for funding
- 901 W. Washington Blvd.
 - About ½ of building is condemned due to fires

HARRISON SQUARE

- John Urbahns presented the City's plans for the Harrison Square project
 - He stressed that right now it is just a concept
 - Highlights of plan
 - Additional hotel rooms are needed to attract conventions
 - Rooms need to be closer to Grand Wayne for convenience of conferees
 - Must be pedestrian friendly
 - Will incorporate a private/public partnership
 - Involves a community enhancement district
 - Funding
 - Will rely partly Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
 - Hardball Capital is potential source of funding
 - City Council also potential funding source
 - Indiana Hotel will not be tied in to project
- Discussion was held as to the historical value of several homes located in the project area
 - Salvage those with value and move

FLOOD PLAN

- Jill informed the group of the City's newest suggestion to close down a lane of Thieme Drive and erect a levy with a walkway on top
- City is to schedule a meeting with WCNA either in late January or possibly March

CEDIT – 2008

- Suggestions for CEDIT money due by March
 - Last year included benches – lights – trash cans on Broadway
 - Potential funding of \$24,000 from City Councilman Tim Pape
 - Additional funding of \$125,000 from Council at Large
- Suggestion was made to continue with brick street renovation

PRESERVATION MONTH

- Preservation month is May
- Discussion as to plan to celebrate preservation month
 - Workshops (pocket doors – floor plans, etc.)

RESTRUCTURING SCHOOLS (FWCS)

- FWCS Yellow Ribbon Commission is in the process of evaluating schools in the system for repairs and/or potential closings
 - Washington Elementary has been suggested for possible closing

- Public Hearing is being held on January 20, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at Northside High School

ANNUONCEMENTS

- The Board is too small for our 501(c)(3) status, so Al Hofer has agreed to become a member of the Board
- The Mission statement has been revised
- SouthWest Area Partnership meeting is January 17, 2007, at Study Elementary at 7:00 p.m.
- The Allen County Library is holding a grand opening on January 27, 2007, at 12:00 noon
- Plan-It Allen sessions are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:
 - January 22
 - January 25
 - January 29
 - January 30
 - January 31
- Locations for the meetings can be found on the City's website

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed

Respectfully submitted

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