

**Westside Improvement Association  
Board Meeting  
January 27, 2010  
Red Branch Bank Library**

**Present:** Allen, William; Berning, Dot; Cleek, Linda; Farmer, Paul; Gerteisen, Wayne; Harty, Bill; Jeffers, Bill; Jeffers, Brenda; Moers, Joyce; Nix, Ava; Outlaw, DeAnna; Outlaw, Phillip, Padget, Fred, Robinson Dave; Runge, Mel; Stagg, Carolyn

**Excused Absence:** Kolb, Bonnie

President DeAnna Outlaw called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. and introduced new board member Dave Robinson.

**Secretary's Report:** No quorum having been present for the October board meeting, there were no minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred Padget presented reports for November and December 2009, as well as a summary of the WIA financial position annually going back to 1997. He presented and explained a proposed association budget for 2010. He distributed Compliance Guides for 501(c)(3) organizations and pointed out our obligation to take no actions that would indicate support of any political candidate or party. He also asked for a motion to continue our membership in UNOE. Linda Cleek so moved, including that payment be made in a timely manner. The motion was seconded by Brenda Jeffers and passed without opposition. Bill Jeffers moved and Mel Runge seconded that the budget be adopted as presented. The motion passed without opposition.

**New Business:**

**Meeting Schedule:** General meetings will be held on Thursdays, March 18 and May 20; the membership picnic will be Saturday, September 18; the annual banquet will be Friday, November 19. Board meetings will be held January, February, April, June, July, August, September, and October on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Red Bank Branch Library. Paul Farmer moved, and Bill Jeffers seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

The March 18 meeting will include a program on roundabouts as traffic solutions and will include presentation of the scholarships. The location will be announced in the newsletter.

**Banquet Location:** Brenda Jeffers has done some research and suggests that we return to USI. There was some discussion about whether or not to have a cash bar. Cleek suggested we might look at alternatives to the social hour at USI, e.g., have wine with dinner, or have the cash bar open only during the meal. Decisions will be made at the next meeting. Cleek will ask for a hold on the date at USI.

**Burdette Day Camp Scholarships:** Carolyn Stagg moved and Mel Runge seconded that WIA give five \$210 scholarships for the Burdette Day Camp. The motion passed without opposition.

**Old Business:**

- Shirley James Memorial – Cleek & Padget suggested contacting John McNaughton about creating a sculpture that could be placed at Burdette Park. As a back-up idea, we might place one or more memorial benches along the USI-Burdette path.

**Committee Reports:**

- Web site – nothing new to report.
- Solid Waste – Paul Farmer reported there will be a recycle day the first Saturday of each month at the old Wal-Mart. They are still collecting glass, but have no market for it. He explained the new law requiring merchants to assist in recycling appliances. Tire recycling will continue at a charge of \$2 per vehicle (not per tire). There will be one Electronics recycling day in the spring, and they will take all electronics but no electrical appliances. Computers, yes; toasters, no.
- UNOE – Farmer reported the topic at the next UNOE meeting will be the census. He is retiring from his retirement job at UNOE, but will continue to be involved. Padget encouraged anyone interested in being a WIA representative to UNOE to let him know, as he has multiple points of contact and is willing to relinquish his position as WIA representative to UNOE. Carolyn Stagg is now the West Sector regional vice president.
- Adopt-a-Spot – Dot Berning reported that a member of the Sacred Heart congregation called to congratulate us on our spot. There was discussion on the lack of progress on moving fences, getting water, etc. Farmer suggested building coalitions with the West Side Nut Club and other entities might help influence the Parks Board.
- Transportation – Harty reported he continues to advocate for state attention to west side roads.
- Parks – no report.
- Scholarship Committee – Stagg reported that Cleek had questioned how class rank and GPA were folded into one question. Cleek suggested separating the questions into two, one on GPA and one on class rank.
- West Sector Police Report – Ava Nix reported on crime statistics. Most of the thefts take place at WalMart. The crime of the month is house stealing. Wayne Gerteisen described how a person can get a secure driver's license that helps to reduce the possibility of identity theft.

- Land Use –
  - Padget reported there are two routine rezoning items: a downzoning in the CHAIN neighborhood and a rezoning at the corner of the Lloyd and Fulton.
  - The Ramsey Development is underway. There have been some complaints about mud on the roadways. The contractor has been contacted and is taking corrective measures.
  - The Majestic Place opposition group continues to meet. The most recent topic is the proposed study of traffic and other environmental factors.
  - The discussion of city-county government consolidation is back on the table and could go to referendum as early as this November.
  - Area Plan will be hearing a proposal for city and county zoning code changes having to do with landscape islands in parking facilities. The Smart Growth group worked for two years developing the proposal.
  - Keep Evansville Beautiful is holding a clean-up blitz at Mesker Park Zoo on Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. They are looking for about five or six adults to act as supervisors.
- Philip Outlaw and Chris Reddington, as CSI employees, are eligible to “earn” donations for WIA for volunteer hours in the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cleek, Secretary

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 4 p.m., Red Bank Branch Library**