

**Town Center Committee
Minutes February 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 12:10.

Present: Nelson Disco, Peter Flood, Bill Wilkes, Dawn Cote, Karen Freed, Finlay Rothhaus, Jackie Flood. Excused: Mary Hendricks

Minutes: Bill moved that the Minutes of January 26 be approved: Dawn seconded, all were in favor.

Old Business:

TAP grant: The fee structure has been prepared by the consultant for DOT. When the Scope of Work and the fee structure has been approved by DOT, a public hearing will be held. Bill observed that the 20% the town will pay towards the TAP grant is smaller than what the town was scheduled to pay for repairs.

Merrill's Marauders sign: Nelson spoke to Joe Herlihy about the sign bracket. Kyle Fox will examine it and hopefully approve it. Joe will need help in installing the bracket and hanging the sign.

Handout: Mary brought the final copy of the handout leaflet. It will be used to distribute around town and for the events we attend. Peter offered to bring the TCC map to the library. Karen suggested waiting until mid-March because of a major re-organization of the main floor. Veterinarians, supermarkets, medical buildings would be good spots as well as the Planning Dept., Anheiser Busch, and the Chamber of Commerce. The master leaflet is in electronic form.

Membership: Debra Huffman resigned. Bill Wilkes will contact a local man who might be interested in filling the spot. Finlay will advertise for a new member.

New Business: Nelson will send us the website of the new bicycle/pedestrian maps of the regional towns. It has much information on things to do. He is on the committee.

Approved: March 25, 2016

Dawn Shepherd, the new Chamber President, found a grant of \$250,000 to link a downtown with different businesses. Nelson and she talked about a pathway down Woodbury St. to team up with the School Department. Dawn Shepherd put in an application.

Public Outreach: There is a Farmers' Market every Thursday afternoon at the Adult Community Center. Ron Miner is in charge, and Bob McCabe is heading up the Community Garden. Karen will help to staff our table; Peter and Jackie will help also. April 12 is Election Day if we secure a spot for our table.

Wire Rd. Intersection: Peter brought up that part of our charge is to study and be involved with the Wire Rd. intersection. Peter was told that a traffic light would be installed there since 2 lanes would be necessary for a roundabout. Peter doubts that 2 lanes would be necessary since he has seen roundabouts where emergency vehicles could cut through straight. Finlay likes the idea of roundabouts in general; however, this intersection is exceptionally busy. As far as we know, no decisions have been made. Bill brought up that our mission is to take interest in sidewalks in the downtown, so that pedestrians can negotiate Wire Rd. safely. A tee formation would improve the intersection a lot. Kyle says the roundabout needs to be 2 lanes and it wouldn't fit. Peter would like to gather information from other cities for space necessary. Bill and Jackie pointed out that one charge we have is to help ensure pedestrian safety; Finlay and Peter think it extends to the intersection design. Nelson offered to invite Kyle to explain it all to us: how it would fit, the rules of intersections, when it would be built.

Mitigation Money: Bill brought up the mitigation money put aside from Marquette and Dunkin Donuts. Has it expired?

Our next meeting will be March 25, 2016 in the Thornton Room.

We adjourned at 1:30, Peter motioned, Karen seconded, all in favor.