

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SECOND CENTURY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
CULVER VFW
12:00 NOON

Present were D. Brantingham, Vice Chairman; Kathy Clark, Secretary; D. Henricks, SCSC; E. Pinder, SCSC; R. Tompos, Treasurer; K. Tussing, K. Berger, B. Runhow, J. Sanders, L. Bennett, P. Bennett, J. Bonine, B. Cleavenger, R. Riel. Chairman J. Cunningham was not present due to illness. Also present was the reporter from the Culver Citizen.

Dick Brantingham opened the meeting at 12:00 noon. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Brantingham noted that a phone campaign to remind members of the meeting may be held prior to the next general meeting as a way to help raise attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion by D. Henricks and second by E. Pinder, the minutes of the August 7, 2006 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Rick Tompos reported that all SCC funds are now at the Marshall County Community Foundation fund. The advantages are that the SCC funds are combined for investment with the MCCF's large fund base for greater return advantages. A 7.5% return rate was earned last year. A quarterly report is generated by the MCCF so the SCC will be able to see some activity when the (end September) report is distributed. Tompos reported that a \$25 membership fee was received and that the following expenses were distributed: \$5,000 to Vandaco Signs for the directional/community event sign near the dentist's office on Lake Shore; \$300 for pier removal; and \$100 for banner hanging. A balance of \$2,075.50 exists as of August 31, 2006.

PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brantingham announced the projects chosen for the main SCC focus for the next year. They include both short and long-term projects, some of which are on-going from previous years. They include the following:

- Culver Westside Gateway Project - new;
- Sidewalk/Curb Program – on-going;
- Business Roof Outline Lighting – revitalized/revamped;
- Street Lighting Project – on-going.

Brantingham informed members that if they have ideas or wishes for other projects through out the year to please contact a Steering Committee member so that they may be considered for inclusion.

Team leaders are as follows at this time: Culver Westside Gateway – Kathy Clark; Sidewalk/Curb – Dick Brantingham; Street Lighting – Jim Weirick; Business Roof Outline – To be decided by SCSC meeting October 16th, 2006.

Gateway team leader Clark announced that the Gateway Team will consist of the following individuals: Rick Tompos (Financial Director, Culver Academies/Treasurer Chamber of Commerce in Culver/SCC); Ed Pinder (Culver Town Council/SCC); Richard (Dick) Riel (Operations Manager, Medallion Cabinetry, Inc./SCC); and Clark (The Market View Co./Culver Redevelopment Commission/SCC). This team is considering a partnership venture with the CRC due to the overlap with the TIF II District in regards to the geographic area of the Gateway (Jefferson/Mill/S.R.17), certain project components, funding sources, grant pursuit, and overall common goals of community and economic enhancement. This approach will be presented to both the CRC and the Second Century Steering Committee in October for agreement of coordinated efforts in these areas.

Dick Brantingham will continue to head the Sidewalk/Curb program in conjunction with the Town's sidewalk program. The focus of discussion for the next areas are: along 10 to provide safe sidewalk access to existing commercial businesses in the area as well as the new Dollar General Store and other proposed projects; Slate Street between from the grade school to the high school (behind the Methodist Church and east side across from the athletic field); and the west side of Lakeshore Drive from the north side of Park & Shop to Academy Road area. Dick urged members to consider any other stretches around town that may be of concern to focus on.

Jack Cunningham will assist Jim Weirick in the areas of team member set-up and information sharing from on-going Street Lighting efforts of the SCC.

Jack Cunningham and Dick Brantingham are working to identify a team for the Business Roof Outline project and will report to the SCSC at their October 16th meeting. Dick is seeking a "champion" for this project that is viewed as a way to tie uptown/midtown/downtown business districts together through lighting identity. It is hoped that this program can be revitalized and expanded with a start goal of Memorial Day 2007. Dick noted that the Antiquarian Society is revamping their lighting at the Heritage Park on Main Street and some of their changes may be incorporated. Advanced lighting technology, utility costs and responsibility, and the age of existing bulbs will be project considerations. Members are urged to join this team if interested.

2007 DUES REQUEST: Dues statements for 2007 will be sent in the spring of 07 to eliminate any problems for those who do not "winter" in Culver. Dues statements for 2006 were sent out in October of 2005, there is still time to pay 06 dues. Rick announced that the Chamber of Commerce in Culver has restructured their dues schedule to run January to January and will begin January 2007. The 07 dues letter for Second Century will go out in March/April 07.

OTHER BUSINESS: Leon Bennett reported that the lighthouse at the town park should have its new light system/bulb within a couple of weeks. Dusty Henricks reported that the courtesy pier will be coming out the first week in October.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The Steering Committee will meet on October 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the Culver Union Township Library.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Ed Pinder and second by Rick Tompos the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kathy Clark, Secretary
September 26, 2006