

June 14, 2009

Second Century Committee General Meeting
June 9th, 2009, Noon, Culver Library
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The meeting was called to order by Dick Brantingham, Chairman. Mr. Brantingham stated the goals of the SCC. He introduced the new Town Manager, Mr. Michael Doss.

Rick Tompos, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report dated 12/31/09, a comparison of the 2006, 2007, 2008 Revenues and Expenses, showing a balance as of 12/31/08 of \$2,038.06. He stated that all monies and accounts were handled through the Marshall County Community Fund. Dues letters were handed out and requests that present members take three to give to prospective members.

Chairman Brantingham spoke of the six projects as identified in the community forum sponsored by the SCC and introduced each of the Project's chairperson:

-Ginny Munroe described the **Community Communications** Project's new thrust as a web creation, using the new technology available on the Web, which will join one of several Social Networks, such as Face Book or the Links Network, and thus allow an interactive informational base for the Culver community, where all groups, their members, and citizens would be able to keep in touch with the Town's various councils and committees. Rick Tompos described the new Welcome Packet, which SCC has developed, and will be giving them to local realtors to present to new residents at closing.

-Ginny Munroe, chairperson of the **Government Infrastructure** Project, informed members that the Culver Town Council has been busy prioritizing the water, sewer, streets and lighting projects, as to their needs and the availability of grant money. They have requested Culver Town Manager, Michael Doss, report to them on these projects and their projected needs.

-Ginny Munroe, chairperson of the **Government Growth Initiatives**, stated that the development of property on and adjacent to Lake Maxinkuckee is happening right now and will have an economic and environmental effect on the Culver community. She is targeting this subcommittee to assist the Town of Culver, the Academies and the Lake community, by serving as an advisor and resource on zoning and planning, and providing assistance to the town and the Environmental Council with research.

-Jim Weirick, chairperson of the **Gateway Redevelopment, Street Lighting, Aesthetics** Project, concluded that the antique street lights in the downtown area would be prohibitive, cost wise, as the present street lighting source runs behind the stores down the allies, while the antique lights would require underground, under the street installation. And so, based on the negative economy and the lack of available funding, this project will be put on hold. The Gateway Redevelopment area is "shovel ready", with plans complete, and the Town of Culver is hoping to fund the plan with TARP money or other grants which may be available.

Jack Cunningham, chairperson of the **Recreation Path** Project, reported that this project still generates a great deal of interest and he will look into the possibility of new grant money available in this region for such projects. Although the full path may not be a realistic goal at this point in time, he believes that the path could be constructed in incremental stages. Dick Swenumson, who was instrumental in creating the plans for the path, is still interested and will work on the committee.

Patty Stallings, chairperson of the **Housing** Project, acknowledged that the Culver Academies is still interested in working with this committee to provide affordable housing for it's employees, according to member, Rick Tompos. Garden Court, a senior housing project the Town of Culver has been working to locate within the town, is an encouraging project, which this committee will be actively engaged in.

Under New Business, President Brantingham introduced the new Culver Town Manager, Michael Doss, who touched on some of the enterprises he is working on: downtown beautification and revitalization through block grants, attracting and retaining small businesses with incentives, facade grants, southwest side housing development and serious storm sewer problem solutions.

The next general meeting of the Second Century Committee will be held July 14, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Patty Stallings, Secretary

