

# South West Area Partnership

Minutes of Meeting January 20, 2010

Adrienne Maurer, Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made all around. In attendance were Tim Pape, Mitch Harper, and Marty Bender of City Council.

Bylaws for SWAP are being prepared for distribution. Each neighborhood was asked to provide names of those authorized to cast their representative votes at SWAP.

The theme of the meeting was "Challenges and Opportunities for Fort Wayne in 2010", addressed by our City Council Members.

Mitch Harper spoke on the possibilities of lower tax revenues, making the best of what we have, caring for infrastructure, possibilities of some City/County co-location, and the importance of the neighborhoods' having a input regarding CEDIT dollar usage.

Tim Pape emphasized that our community has lost economic impact and opportunity. We do not compete well for the creative class who can telecommute, thereby having the ability to live anywhere. We must learn to attract, retain and grow jobs in our area.

D. C. Marty Bender presented Councilperson Karen Goldner's proposed speed limit change, from 30 mph in residential areas to 25 mph. A show of hands reflected an overwhelming majority prefer to leave the speed limit as it is.

Ken Nicolet reported that Taylor University has presented no changes; although they are speaking with two interested parties, the campus will remain empty until further notice.

Two of SWAP's neighborhoods have achieved historic status: Historic Southwood Park and Indian Village. Congratulations to both.

D.C. Doug Lucker reported hard and fast crime stats are down 7.58% from last year. We have much to be proud of, and this is a good item in the marketing of Ft. Wayne.

As there were no controversial issues for SWAP included in the BZA packet, we did not appoint a representative to the January meeting.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$404.25.

In New Business, we were asked to fill out requests for speakers, to convey how SWAP can assist the neighborhoods, and asked to bring issues to the Chair for inclusion in programs.

We were reminded of the High Speed Rail effort, and urged to write our governor, senator and congressional representatives.

CSC discussion for February will be the Stimulus Package, and an explanation of expenditures.

The meeting was adjourned, with small discussions and greetings continuing into the evening.

Carolyn DeVoe  
Secretary, SWAP