

**WOOD RIVER
VISION 20/20
January 29, 2013**

The meeting, held in the theater lobby of Wood River Rural High School, was called to order approximately 6:05 p.m. by President Marla Hixon. Board members present were Greg Cramer, Joyce Willoughby, Pam Kjar, Tyler Doane and Brian Hayes.

President Hixon welcomed all present. Residents and community members present were Nick Rennau, Brian Schmidt, Jodi and Ron Rauert, Sara Arnett, Rev. Theresa Mason, Rev. Matt Troyer-Miller, Georgene Smidt, Vince Boudreau, and Jason and Heather Rotter, Blanca and Ricardo Rodriguez.

Hixon had prepared a handout for all present explaining that Vision 20/20 is not associated with the recently formed City Board of Trust. The handout encouraged and welcomed all Wood River residents and surrounding community members to participate in Vision 20/20. She informed those present that we have organized solely for the purpose of improving our community in the hopes of attracting new residents, new businesses or industry, and to keep our community thriving and vibrant.

The City Board of Trust was formed to funnel private foundation funds to another local entity. If questions remain on the Board of Trust, Hixon asked that they be directed to the City offices.

There being no changes to the minutes of the January 15, 2013 meeting, Hixon moved to approve. Willoughby seconded the motion. All aye. Motion carried.

Hixon asked Cramer to report on the progress of the non-profit organization filing. Cramer informed her he would contact the City Attorney and we possibly will have action next week.

Next on the agenda was the formation of Vision 20/20 Survey, Communication and Beautification Committees. Hixon explained that one of the main issues to be addressed by the Survey Committee is to gain income level information for Wood River residents. Although, rural residents will be asked to contribute to the needs survey, their incomes will not be used for grant application purposes. She then asked for volunteers willing to assist in the question formation process of the survey. It was discussed that we would like a number of individuals representing different organizations, a variety of ages, local business representation and City Council representation. Sara Arnett, Dean Kjar, Rev. Theresa Mason, Rev. Matt Troyer Miller, Joyce Willoughby, Jeff Heater, Brian Hayes, Blanca and Ricardo Rodriguez volunteered to serve on this committee. Tyler Doane will serve as head of this committee.

Due to the absence of Jenie Maloney, Hixon gave a brief report of the progress of the Communications committee. She informed those present of the revised City of Wood River website and Google calendar addition. Needs to be addressed include linking local businesses and organizations to the website. The following individuals volunteered to contribute on the committee: Sara Arnett, Georgene Smidt, Marla Hixon and possibly Tracy Watts. The head of this committee will be named at a later date.

The Beautification/Aesthetics Committee will work on the pedestrian walkway landscaping project and consists of Pam Kjar, Vince Boudreau, Greg Cramer, Jason and Heather Rotter and Ron Rauert. Pam Kjar will head this committee. The City of Wood River has funding available for the project. The committee will plan the project; solicit bids for work to be performed or foliage. It is hoped that a portion of this project will be performed by volunteer labor.

Hixon questioned how the walking path project by the Community club is progressing. Willoughby informed her there has been good progress to date, but work is currently delayed due to weather.

Board member Brian Hayes asked how local vendors will be treated in the bidding process. It was decided that this will need to be discussed at our next Board of Directors meeting and set a precedent for the organization. As the funding for the pedestrian walkway is to be provided by the City of Wood River, they will discuss all bids received and perform the contractor/vendor selection.

Dean Kjar addressed the Board about the possibility of having a summer movie night or family night in the Park. He inquired if this is a project that could be incorporated into one of the working committees. After brief discussion by the group, it was decided to give this future consideration.

Hixon instructed the group to split into their respective committees at the conclusion of this meeting to set meeting dates for work sessions. She asked that the committee heads present a report to the Board at our next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, Pam Kjar moved to adjourn. Tyler Doane seconded the motion. All aye.

Approved: _____

President

Secretary