

## **Gate City Development Association Meeting July 17, 2008**

The Gate City Development Association Board of Directors met on July 17, 2008 at the Fire Hall Meeting Room. Present were: Lynda Rol, Will Stone, Mary Nosbush, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Marion Denekamp and Ruth Ann Bultinick.

Lynda Roll called the meeting to order. Mary read the minutes of the June 19 meeting. Motion Will, second Angel to approve minutes as read. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Angel gave the treasurer's report through June 30. We have received a \$5,000 installment from the City. The loan fund balance is now \$28,117.16.

Angel is looking for a form to use for loan applicants. A favorable vote of 2/3 of the board is required to approve a loan. Motion Will, second Mary to approve the treasurer's report.

Discussed planting some bushes behind the new sign. Considering Russian Olive, Dogwood and Variegated Dogwood, all of which grow quickly and would provide contrast to help the black train stand out against the busy background. Mary is to check into cost of shrubs.

Motion Mary second Will to pay \$1,000 toward the Welcome to Gary sign, which includes \$400 from the City. All voting yes and the motion carried. The total cost for the sign was \$2,200.

Mary will prepare a formal request from the City for the Budget Hearing in August.

The annual report of the corporation is due to the Secretary of State before September 1. It will be done after the annual meeting.

Discussed holding a community fund raiser.

Will brought up using some of our promotional funds to advertise to invite people here from Eastern cities where jobs are being lost. Could advertise jobs, housing costs, school class sizes, hunting and fishing and proximity to top notch medical care.

Plans were made to conduct the annual meeting of the corporation on Thursday, August 7, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at Stone's Gate City Lodge, to be preceded by a light meal which will be donated by the Lodge. Reviewed the past lists of members. It appears there are 14 lifetime memberships and 17 requiring annual renewal. All of these will be contacted.

Mary moved to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Next meeting is the annual meeting with election of officers.

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Mary Nosbush, Secretary