

Gate City Development Association Board of Directors met on November 20, 2008 at the Fire Hall meeting room with the following present: Will Stone, Lynda Rol, Angel Oeltjenbruns, Marion Denekamp, Mary Nosbush, Ruth Bultnick.

Vice President Will Stone called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Mary read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion Angel, second Marion to approve minutes as read. All yes. Motion carried.

Angel reported fund balances as follows: \$38,022.34 in the loan fund with all loans current; \$9,000.53 in savings and \$765.02 in checking. Motion Mary, second Will to accept treasurer's report. All yes. Motion carried.

Will read a letter of resignation from Lynda Rol as chairman and as a board member. She intends to remain active with our organization but will prioritize her work on the City Council.

Discussed the Rural Learning Center housing assessment. We are not able to participate in the assessment at this time due to existing commitments, but in no way object to their work.

Discussed plans for a Housing Fair in January or February, hosting one at Empi in Clear Lake and one in Gary. We will invite Darlene Bresson with USDA Rural Development, as well as local lending institutions. Angel to set up dates. Mary to continue making contacts on lots available within Gary city limits for building. Also discussed preparing a promotional piece listing services and advantages of living in Gary.

Discussed the big sign at 3-mile corner. Consider revamping to add: "Gas, Food, Lodging" and the words "Experience the Life" plus a metal cap over the top to keep plywood from delaminating. Bring additional ideas for sign to next meeting.

Plan to work with other local volunteer groups to host a Gary Booth at Clear Lake's 125th celebration summer 2009. We could prepare a business card-sized magnet promoting Gary and the website. Consider using design elements from the Gary brochure.

Roger Baer joined the meeting.

Chairman called the meeting into executive session at 8:45 p.m. He called the meeting out of executive session at 10:15 p.m.

Discussed names of individuals to approach about joining the Board.

Next meeting is to be Thursday, December 18 at 7 p.m.

Motion Mary second Roger to adjourn at 10:25 P.M. All yes and the motion carried.

Mary Nosbush, Secretary