

Minutes – CIA Westown
Meeting of April 8, 2009

The CIA board meeting started at 7:09 PM

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer lead by Kevin Maginity.

- Roll Call: Chairman Kevin Maginity, Secretary Mark Lanphere, Board Members Joni Forster, and Alice Morris.
- Members Absent: Vice Chairman Scott Hildebrant, Members Nancy Vogl, and Tim Law.
- Others Present: Brent Morgan from the City of Owosso
Joe Hinds, Westown Business Owner
- Citizen/Member Comments: None
- Approval of Minutes: Joni Forster made a motion to approve March minutes, Alice Morris 2nd.
No opposition/Motion passed Forster/Morris

Items of Business

A. Old Business

1. WIG/Woodard Station/Car Show Kevin Maginity is still working on setting up meetings with the proper parties involved. This idea is tabled for now. The event may not take place this year, but may be in the plans for 2010.
2. New Flyer / write up - Tim Law is still working on the new flyer. The CIA board talked about possibly having a quarterly letter/flyer distributed in the Westown area, and also posted with the assistance of Westown owner Joe Hinds through his website which has links to the Westown area. E-mail sent to Tim Law.
3. Ambassador Report - every month a CIA board member goes through Westown area and makes contact with businesses or other associated individuals with the area. President Kevin Maginity made contact with three businesses in the Westown area, Kay Fry, Janice Ostipow, and the owner/operator of American Tattoo located on West Main Street. Their names, phone numbers, and possible e-mails are stored in a ledger book, which will be saved and used to keep in contact with businesses in the Westown area.

4. Banners Westown Area - Vice President Scott Hildebrandt, not present at this meeting. He is still working on the brackets needed for the signs along West Main Street, and the banner design. Brent Morgan from the city would like a proposal for those brackets and signs to look into the possibility of funding. E-mail will be sent to Scott Hildebrandt for follow-up on the banners.
5. Community pride week/ Westown cleanup/ Paymaster building. During the week of May 16 through May 24, 2009 is community pride week. Joni Foster talked about clean up in the Owosso area. The Westown area is planning on having their May 13th meeting moved to May 20 at 6 PM to clean up the storefront areas along West Main Street. Also on that date, we are hoping that the flowers will be completed and delivered will be hung on the brackets along West Main Street. E-mail will be sent to Nancy Vogl to see if the flowers will be delivered by then. Brent Morgan from the city of Owosso talked about the Paymaster building being completed. He is in the process of seeing how much a belt/ floor sander would cost to rent, and determining the availability of volunteers to finish the floor. Brent will be in contact with possible volunteers that would be able to work on a weekday so that the floor may be finished and dried over a weekend.

B. New Business

1. Train festival coming in late July of 2009 - several table ideas. Westown business owner Joel Hinds would be getting in contact with the Arts Council to see if they would want a possible art walk. Another possible idea, some type of concession stand located near the intersection of the railroad crossing on West Main Street in Westown, with the understanding that that is going to be an area where a high number of people will congregate throughout the train festival weekend. There is a meeting on April 23 at 7:30 PM at Owosso City Hall to explain more about what events are coming during that weekend. West town business owner Joe Hinds talked about opening businesses that are now vacant or empty for possible renters of any type during the train weekend. Joel Hinds mentioned that this could possibly be a flea market type seller, or possibly something associated with the train festival.
2. Westown bike event scheduled for middle of August of 2009 - contact would be made with the past promoters of the event to see how the CIA can assist and help promote the event. Secretary Mark Lamphere will be getting in contact with Buck, Rick, and Mark Cappiello who headed up the event in 2008. Some of the things to think about for the event, possibly a food vendor which would raise money for the CIA, the location for the event, parking,

- the possible bike route in and around the Owosso area, possible sponsors start and end times and any other pre-event needs.
3. Community Pride Week - Repeated the information reference May 16 through May 24. Information will be sent out that the Westown area will be cleaned up on May 20, 2009 starting at 6 PM, this will entail cleaning the storefront areas of the Westown area and hanging flowers that should be ready for the area.

Member Forster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Member Morris 2nd.

The next meeting is planned for May 20th, 2009 at 6:00 pm.