

Minutes – CIA Westown
Meeting of June 10, 2009

The CIA board meeting started at 7:06 PM

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

Roll Call: Members Present: Chairman Kevin Maginity, Secretary Mark Lamphere, Board Members Joni Forster, Alice Morris, and Nancy Vogl.

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Scott Hildebrant and Member Tim Law

Others Present: Brent Morgan from the City of Owosso; Rick Morris, Westown Business Owner; Thomas Lee

Citizen/Member Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Mark Lamphere made a motion to approve April minutes, Joni Forster 2nd.

No opposition/Motion passed Lamphere/Forster

Items of Business

A. Old Business

1. 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. Tim Law was absent from this month's meeting, follow-up will continue as an E-mail sent to Tim Law.
2. Summary-Community pride week/ Westown cleanup/ Paymaster building. During the week of May 16 through May 24, 2009 was Community Pride Week. All groups of people had great turnout and participation in the above activities. Brent Morgan from the city commented that the paymaster building was completed with extra effort on his behalf and the space is available to be used if the Westown CIA would like to take advantage of it.
3. WIG/Woodard Station/Car Show Kevin Maginity is still working on setting up meetings with the proper parties involved. This idea is tabled again. This event may or may not take place this year, but

may be in the plans for 2010. Plans to have the event on a Saturday night from April to October one weekend a month that would not conflict with other weekends where car shows are being conducted in other areas with other counties around Shiawassee County.

4. Flower basket report - 20 flower baskets were purchased for a total of \$570.00. The baskets were hung on the cleanup day in May and looked great in the area. 19 of the 20 baskets are hanging on West Main Street, one basket can be purchased and can be placed at their choosing. The cost of each basket is \$38.00 to cover the bill that was paid out of the Westtown Merchant's account, and any other fees of watering and maintenance. Member Lamphere will create a flyer that will be handed out in also an e-mail reminder for any businesses that would like to contribute to the purchase of the flower baskets.
5. Banners Westown Area – continues to be tabled. Vice President Scott Hildebrandt, not present at this meeting. It's 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 with the possibility of some funding. E-mail will be sent Scott Hildebrandt for follow-up on the banners.
6. Ambassador Report - every month a CIA board member goes through Westown area and makes contact with businesses or other associated individuals with the area. Member Lamphere will do the Ambassador report for June and also hand out flyers that reference the flower baskets in the Westown area.

B. New Business

1. The train festival that is coming in late July of 2009. Brett Morgan from the city commented on the event. The city has no ties or obligations with the SRI event. He commented and tried to clear up any ideas or misunderstandings with the SRI event. The event over its four-day period should draw approximately 30,000 people to the Owosso area. President Maginity is looking into the idea of renting a food trailer near the train intersection of West Main St. and selling concessions. This concession stand would be run by the members of The Connection Church which is located in the Westown area. Location and food trailer is being confirmed.
2. The Owosso Bike Fest is scheduled for August 16th, 2009. A rain date event is scheduled for August 23rd, if the weather does not cooperate. Rick Morris of the House of Wheels talked about the event in what is going to be planned. The event is looking for some local sponsors to cover costs that may occur. This is the fifth year that the bike event has taken place in West town which could turn out approximately 200 bikes/participants to come. The event

starts at 10:00 AM and will run approximately to 2:00 PM. The Connection Church is looking to possibly run a simple concession stand during the bike event which will take place in the parking lot located the behind the 800 block of the north side of West Main Street.

3. There was four other items listed the in new items of business that were not covered due to allotted time. Items will be covered in the next CIA meeting.

Member Lamphere made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. Member Forster 2nd.

The next meeting is planned for July 8th, 2009 at 7:00 pm.