

Minutes

Camden Town Council

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs

Downtown Revitalization Project

Second Public Hearing

June 11, 2009

The properly advertised public hearing for the Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant was called to order at 7:00pm by Council President Peter Wagoner with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Council Members Richard Fite and Andy Kelly, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, town attorney Anne Briggs and three guests.

Mr. Wagoner stated that this meeting was held to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their views on the recently completed Downtown Revitalization study. Three public meetings were held during the month of May at which time citizens of Camden expressed their opinions on improvements needed to the downtown area. Presentations were made at the second and third meetings offering renditions of suggestions made during the prior meetings. The drawings displayed at the meeting tonight offered a combination of the ideas expressed.

Mr. Ken Smith, Municipal Civil Corp, told the Council the citizens voiced their thoughts during the meetings and completed surveys as to what they thought were important improvements. Ideas included: antique clock, flag pole, installation of sidewalks where they are now lacking and where they have been "pushed up" by tree roots along Main Street and north/south one half block as needed, vegetation of both sides of the walk in the parking area, a marquee board, LED overhead street lights also with an antique appearance, brick or stamped concrete crosswalks, bury the electrical lines for the street lights, improve curb approaches, improve the drainage (particularly noticed due to the recent periods of heavy rains), and banners. Mr. Smith noted the project will not include paving Hwy. 218.

The report is not quite complete per Mr. Smith but it will be by the July meeting and a resolution will be presented for the Council to approve or modify the plan. Mr. Wagoner asked about the improvements to the drainage and installation of type MZ curb drains.

As part of the unification of the community's appearance, it was noted the water tower is currently being painted and the word "*Camden*" will be in a deep red using a script font.

All signage reference to “*Camden*” is to be in the red script. The suggestion was made to change the awnings on the Community Building to the red and change the wording on the building to match the change.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 by a motion from Mr. Kelly.

Camden Town Council

Peter F. Wagoner, President

Richard Fite, Vice-President

Andrew Kelly, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer