

# **Minutes**

## **Public Hearing**

### **Town of Camden**

#### **Downtown Camden Revitalization**

**September 10, 2009**

The properly advertised and called public hearing to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs Community Focus Fund of the State Community Development Block Grant program was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 10, 2009 at the Camden-Jackson Township Library Reading Room by Council President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Members Andrew Kelly and Richard Fite, Clerk-Treasurer Patricia Casserly, legal council Anne Briggs and five guests.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wagoner welcomed the citizens and reminded them to sign in for the meeting. He reminded guest the town had received a planning grant from OCRA to study and develop a plan to revitalize the downtown area. The plan, competed by Municipal Civil Corp, made recommendations on improvements to the area that had been declared blighted by the Town Council. Tonight's public hearing is an opportunity for citizens to express their opinions on the project. The public hearing was then turned over to Mrs. Casserly.

Mrs. Casserly thanked the Council and welcomed the guest. The grant process was briefly explained and the improvements planned in the grant were again reviewed.. From the information gathered at the public meetings held during the study phase, citizens expressed their opinions on ways to improve the area. Recommendations included new street lights, sidewalks, better drainage, development of a uniform appearance in signage and store fronts, development of green ways and other focal points such as a town clock and marquee. These improvements will be included in the grant. Another benefit to the businesses will be development of a brochure to promote their products, locations and other information.

The Council expects to fund this project with a Community Focus Fund grant through IOCRA. The town will apply for a \$500,000 grant and offer a match of \$60,000 from General and EDIT Funds.

The floor was then open for questions.

Being as no questions were asked, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Patricia Casserly