

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
February 6, 2008
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in the Conference Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present: Brian McElwain, Penny Bohnen, Candy Cleveland, Dr. Joe Ryne, Nancy McKeague
Absent: None

Also Present: Public Services Director, George Franco, Village Forester, John Finnell, Village Horticulturalist Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes

Mr. McElwain motioned to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008 meeting. Ms. Bohnen seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Dr Ryne updated the task force on his effort to determine the status of the Ogden Avenue corridor project. The web-site had a time-line for various components, including streetscape and landscaping details. Dr. Ryne has tried to contact the group through the web-site with no response. Mr. McElwain offered to contact Trustee Smith, the chair of the group, for further information. Mr. Franco would contact Tim Bleuher, the Village Director of Community Development, for more information.

New Business

A.) Mr. McElwain suggested the group finalize the Memorial Building Master Plan. Dr. Ryne led discussion on the plan components. Dr. Ryne agreed to edit the plan to incorporate the modifications made by the task force during the meeting to allow the members to vote on the plan at the next meeting. Ms. Cleveland suggested that the various plan components be prioritized in the final document for budget purposes.

Mr. McElwain reviewed the landscape objectives; including:

- Identify users
- Inventory plant material and assess condition
- Identify overall goals and priority
- Determine budget and time frame
- Start design and implement awareness program

B.) Mr. McElwain proposed and members agreed to table the date for the multi-organization meeting pending the master plan modifications.

C.) Members reviewed the Memorial Building contact list, and agreed to have members assigned as follows:

Mr. McElwain: *The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Hinsdale Community Services*

Ms. Bohnen: *The Boy Scouts, Hinsdale Historical Society*

Ms McKeague: *Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce*

Dr. Ryne: *Hinsdale Public Library*

Mr. Franco: *Village of Hinsdale*

- D.) Mr. McElwain proposed that a time frame be developed to organize the design and implementation process. He suggested the members focus on three levels. Goals that can be accomplished this spring, goals that can be accomplished in time for the 80th anniversary program on July 4, 2008, and goals that will be implemented beyond that time.
- E.) The committee agreed to meet February 20, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting is tentatively set for the conference room, but may be moved to the old board room dependent on availability.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Finnell
Village Forester