

STAR Team – (Super Town of Albion Revitalization Team)



December 1, 2010 Downtown Revitalization Forum

In attendance: Mary Ann Troutner, Orland Leitch, Judith Leitch, Melea Alexander, Chris Magnuson, Beth Shellman, John Bry, Kelly Tieman, Steve Hook, Max Weber, George Bennett, Judy Owen.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. Introductions were given by all.

Committee Reports

Committee #1 – Projects/Design: Chris Magnuson, Terry Dazey, Judy Owen and Tina Craft. The Design committee has started a building inventory (front and back). Now and then pictures are being added do a “scrapbook” for reference. Tom Farney from IPFW will be contacted for a project for his students or the High School to see if anyone is interested.

Committee #2 – Organization: Melea Alexander, Mary Ann Troutner, Steve Hook and Kelly Tieman.

Courthouse Dinner set for May 6th. Commissioners have consented. Also contacted Sam Boggs to work with STAR to promote the State park. Met with John Bry for training on the Organization Committee’s responsibility: 1) manage finances–treasurer, 2) promote STAR w/stakeholders (businesses, churches, community), 3) manage staff and volunteers, 4) fundraising for STAR administration, 5) define workplan.

Committee #3 – Promotion: Mary Ann Troutner, Orland and Judith Leitch, Mike Kramer. Judy and Morris Carpenter and Steve and Sandy Lemish will be contacted to see if they want to join this committee. First Friday’s activities and ideas have been discussed.

Committee #4 – Economic Restructuring: Beth Shellman, Paul Truelove and Phyllis Herendeen, Carla Fiandt, CSB and George Bennett, Campbell & Fetter. Others that may be interested: Bill Landen from the Historical Society, Judy Richter, Coleen Wilson. An Old Jail tour could be set up to see old pictures of the way Albion used to look.

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Chamber survey was reviewed, plan to work with the Design committee so duplication of effort is not done. They will add to the “scrapbook” of pictures as to property owners, challenges for starting and staying in business.

Outstanding items:

John to check w/Shae

Administrator needed for grants?

Several small projects for \$5,000 or less

N. Manchester intern

Mainstreet application for Noble County or Albion

Memorandum of Understanding between STAR and Courthouse Committee (CSPS)

There is an architect on retainer for all communities. It is Jim Furkis. There is \$50,000.00 downtown planning money available.

Enhancement grants up to \$5,000 could be used as “seed” money for business improvements.

News–Sun and New Era needs to have running articles to keep everyone up to date of ongoing activities and features.