

Minutes
Hospital and Neighborhood Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

In a regular session, Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Service Building, 900 S. Marshall, Marshall, MI the Hospital and Neighborhood Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Jendryka.

Members Present: Rob Covert, Dave Deppe, Dave Ryan, Nick Metzger, Mark O'Connell (late), Ginger Williams and Chairman Ken Jendryka.

Members Absent: John LaPietra, Jennifer Rupp, Jim Pardoe and Holly Harden

MOTION by Metzger, supported by Williams, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2010 regular meeting. On a voice vote; **Motion Approved.**

The committee's principal goal was restated: Provide a plan to accommodate hospital expansion that is satisfactory to the Community and the Hospital.

Chairman Jendryka went over the agenda for the evening's meeting and stated the minutes and handouts from previous meetings are on the City of Marshall web site under "What is the Hospital/Neighborhood Committee?" He stated that at the December 6, 2010 council meeting, City Council approved a parking assessment study for the downtown and hospital area to be completed by Walker Parking Consultants.

Jake Jeppesen, Walker Parking Consultants, gave a presentation regarding the parking needs assessment for Downtown Marshall and Oaklawn Hospital. He discussed the process of how the study will be conducted and gave time frames on when each of the three tasks will be completed. The three tasks and time frames are as follows:

- Task I: Parking Supply/Demand Assessment (data collection) will start on December 15th and will be completed within six weeks
- Task II: Strategies & Alternatives will start the last week of January and be completed within four weeks
- Task III: Reports will begin in February and be completed within three weeks

Mr. Jeppesen stated the study will have projections in three time frames: current, current plus four years, four years to twenty years. He stated he plans to give his presentation to City Council in the 3rd week of March.

Rob Covert discussed the construction updates that are happening at the hospital. He stated that the \$20,000.00 costs for the Walker Parking Assessment Study will be funded half by the City and half by Oaklawn Hospital. Mr. Covert also discussed a second study being conducted by Harley, Ellis & Devereaux that the City and hospital copartner and will be funded solely by Oaklawn Hospital. This study will show the parking space needs for the hospital and include any alternatives the hospital may have for expansion.

Committee members began discussing each concern under topic 3, *Government Issues* and topic 4, *Community Attitudes* from the original list of concerns. The following is an updated list:

3. Government Issues

A. Keys needed for collaboration between City, Businesses and Neighbors; examples include:

- Expectations on things like landscaping and buffering
- Parking Ordinance – reassess availability of current ordinance
- Communication – inaccurate information given from City

B. Inability to overcome personal agendas

4. Community Attitudes

A. The planned solution needs to be such that it considers how it impacts at a minimum, the following members of the community:

- Immediate neighbors to the hospital
- Historic District
- Local businesses
- Oaklawn Hospital
- Average Marshall citizen
- Employees and employers
- City
- Individuals

B. Hospital expansion on site and off site

C. Goal is to improve the willingness of all parties to compromise

D. Review criteria on referendum ordinance

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

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