



Meeting: **Downtown Development Committee**
Place: **106 S. Main St.**
Date: **Wednesday, May 16, 2012 @ 6:30 P.M.**
Webpage: **www.poynette-wi.gov**

MINUTES

Called to Order at 6:30 pm. Present were: Wiese, Golueke, Mielke, Marquardt, Chapa, Burke, McEvelly, Brown, Clark, Bryant, DeBoer and Borchardt

1. Approval of Agenda: Chapa/Bryant motion to approve, MC
2. Public Communications & Comment: None
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2012: Chapa/Mielke motion to approve, MC
 - b. Continued discussion about the Library's Space needs with review of data requested at the last meeting: Borchardt answered questions concerning the square footage that the Library feels it needs including rooms for programing. Burke stated that he would like to see the Historical Society displays incorporated into the Library Space, but nothing has been discussed about that at this point. Clark stated that he didn't want to see it too big as that may lead to security issues and the need for more staff. Wiese stated that he would still like to see the numbers of people that use the library and where they live. McEvelly added that it would be nice to see separation of number of people checking out books and number of people that just use the space. Clark would still like to see answers to the questions he had about, circulation figure about where people from Poynette are going if they aren't using the Poynette Library, the square footage of surrounding municipalities Library (age of building) and number of users, information on the Portage Library expansion (what information did they use, what was important to the City Council), what is a Library going to look like in 5-15 years (why do we need the space). McEvelly asked if we were looking at the whole project, Clark responded that right now we are focusing on the Library and the market will take care of the rest of it. There was more discussion on the rehab of the existing buildings and it was decided that that was not an option as the costs would be too much.
 - c. Discuss ideas of what types of businesses the committee wants to see in the downtown. Burke suggested that the Village come up with a Theme such as Weddings. Clark asked how we would do that. It was asked "what does the Village need"? There was discussion about a Doctors Office. Wiese stated that we should get the space ready and let business owners decide what they think we need and would be profitable.
 - d. Discuss the idea of Phase Construction, including Alley infrastructure and parking: Burke stated that we should create open space first as most developers are looking for vacant land. Alley Infrastructure is not a simple or inexpensive task and should be looked at only when it is really needed. Clark asked about the timeline for this project. Burke responded that he would like to see something started in the next 18-24 months. Clark would like to see the committee nail down what the Library needs and use that as a catalyst for the rest
5. Review/Consideration of next meeting agenda: Next meeting set for September 19th with the Library supplying information in early August for the committee to review prior to the September meeting. Options for Scout Hall will also be discussed

Chapa/Marquardt motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm, MC

Approved: 10/17/2012
Susan E. Finstad, Village Clerk