

## URBAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 2/21/06

Present: Mike Williams, Herb Ranta, John Gussenbauer, and Carol Townsend

Paul Haan was re-elected Urban Committee chair, and Lori Stanton was elected co-chair. Congratulations and thanks for being willing to serve in these capacities!

Herb Ranta, Paul Haan, and Gail Heffner were elected to the Project Management Team (PMT). Mike Williams is willing to take Paul's place on the PMT after his retirement. Thanks also to all of you for stepping into these leadership positions.

### 2006 Goal Setting Discussion

Carol distributed a possible framework that the Committee might want to work under - and set goals/activities that move us in the direction we want to go:

**URBAN REVITALIZATION** - our destination or distal outcome

***Preserving and enhancing the unique character of central city neighborhoods*** - how we will achieve urban revitalization

- **Citizen-directed decision-making processes for land use**
- **Neighborhood Commercial District revitalization**
- **Redeveloping a Traditional Neighborhood Structure**  
(Urban Committee activities have focused on these 3 aspects of urban revitalization.)

Gus questioned whether the above 3 focus areas are actually the best ways to achieve urban revitalization. It was pointed out that more macro issues (e.g. the poor economy, city budget cuts resulting in fewer services, etc.) greatly influence urban revitalization efforts.

The Committee has 2 unfinished pieces of business from 2005: finalizing Urban Redevelopment Principles and seeing the City pass a new Zoning Code. It was agreed that these would be our priority issues for 2006.

The next Urban Committee meeting is March 21. At that time, Carol will lead us through a visualization process as a next step in completing our Urban Redevelopment Principles. A sub-committee will then be formed to consolidate the visualizing information with the draft principles. The Coalition will then combine these urban principles with their draft of principles to form United Growth development principles.

At the March 21 meeting, we will also brainstorm ways that we can hasten the completion of the zoning re-write process. A sub-committee will also be formed around this issue to develop specific strategies and a timeline.

Please bring other ideas to the March 21 meeting!