

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**CITY HALL, PLANNING/ENGINEERING CONFERENCE ROOM (WEST)**  
**Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 4:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Alder Chris Able, Mary Balte, Janet Breuer, Pat Chermak, Linda Hunter, June Kraemer, August Krieser, Anthony Mack, Joanne Vogds, Anna Marie Woods

Excused: Grace Brandl, Gloria Wallace

Guest(s): Jane Winans, Ralph Kraemer, Kathryn Bartel

Minutes: Submitted by Linda Hunter

- I. Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.
- II. Update/Discussion from Mayor Nickels
  - a. City Personnel Changes
    - i. The Mayor introduced Nic Sparacio, the new Economic Development Director, from the Planning Department
    - ii. The City also welcomed Rochelle Blindauer, the new Director of Human Resources, recently
  - b. City Finance Update
    - i. The Mayor reported not much has changed from the October 2014 meeting.
    - ii. The Finance Committee has met twice and will meet again on Wednesday, 11.05.14.
    - iii. The City's income may go down next year if the business property taxes are eliminated.
  - c. Lakeshore Town Center
    - i. The Committee of the Whole will meet Wednesday, 11.05.14, to talk further about the property on Memorial Drive that JC Penney was in.
    - ii. The City is negotiating with the owner for demolition.
    - iii. If the owner of the property does not file for a demolition permit by the end of November the City will claim it.
  - d. Mirro Property
    - i. Demolition of the 5-story building is next with demolition tentatively scheduled for spring of 2015.
    - ii. The fate of the 6-story and 7-story buildings is not yet clear.
  - e. Citizens Advisory Committee Discussion
    - i. It was confirmed that 8<sup>th</sup> and York has closed.
    - ii. The Common Council has decided to not enact rules pertaining to yarn around trees at this time. This is a common practice around the country.
- III. Guest Speaker – Jane Winans, Lincoln Park Zoological Society Coordinator
  - a. The Lincoln Park Zoological Society is a non-profit society separate from the City of Manitowoc.
  - b. Update on Society and Events
    - i. Lights in Lincoln Park is the Society's major fundraiser and will begin Friday, 11.28.14, going through Saturday, 12.27.14 on Wednesdays through Saturdays of each week.
    - ii. Santa will be in Cabin #2 on Friday nights for visitors.
    - iii. Lights will be installed on Saturday, 11.15.14, volunteers are always welcome with lunch being provided by Luigi's.

- iv. The 2014 Education Programs were hosted on Tuesdays at 10:00am and have been well attended. The programs have included tours of the Zoo, fishermen explaining fish stocking, a beekeeper and a traveling snake show.
- v. The Re-Opening and Summer Kick-Off Event of 2014 attracted 2000 people.
- vi. Movie Night was hosted at the Zoo which included a small fee to participate in.
- c. New Animals / Exhibits
  - i. The Zoo has acquired two new cougars, Sid and Willow.
  - ii. The new cougars were adopted about the same time as the new Cougar Exhibit was updated. The new Cougar Exhibit has a “viewing log” which has been very popular thus far.
  - iii. The White Tail Deer Exhibit has also been updated.
  - iv. An interactive sign area has been added to the Zoo.
  - v. The Torte’s Garden allows vegetables to be watered by Zoo visitors.
- d. Wish List if Fundraising Permits
  - i. Additional signage for directions, map, etc. at the front entry of the Zoo.
  - ii. Collaborate with other groups as the United Way provided the signs for learning on the trail through the Zoo.
  - iii. A sensory garden with plants for touching.
  - iv. Upgrade the Educational Building.
  - v. Bricks can still be purchased for the paths through the Zoo.

IV. Next meeting will be Tuesday, 12.02.2014, beginning at 4:00pm at the City Hall, Planning/Engineering Conference Room (West.)

V. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm