

Fairness In Taxes

Meeting Minutes 7-1-16

Board Attendance: Leo Burke, Bill & Sheila Hartranft, Don Kerns, Joe Somerville & Jim Tweed

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bill Hartranft at 3:05 P.M.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Hartranft

- Current Cash in Bank balance is \$17,721.00.
- Current value of CD's \$12,000.00.
- 42% of the membership has submitted their annual dues. \$632.00 in additional monies was received as a direct result of the latest Newsletter.

Affordable Housing Presentation Update – Dave & Marie Hayes

- Dave and Marie attended the presentation by the City and Habitat for Humanity which was held at the OC Senior City in the Library on Thursday, June 30th and provided us with an update.
- Two sites are under consideration; 2nd Street & Simpson Avenue and 3rd Street & Haven Avenue. Jim Mallon admitted they had been looking over the island, not just the Second Ward, for affordable housing sites for the past three years.
- Habitat for Humanity provided an overview of their organization and the parameters which they use for providing affordable housing. Dave and Marie indicated that all the attendees were very supportive of Habitat for Humanity and impressed with their presentation.
- From the City side, there was much push-back as the residents felt the city was backing away from their promise to leave the sites as open space.
- The city also stated that their share of affordable housing is 8-1,000 homes.
- Sheila Hartranft commented that an article in the paper indicated that no town is obligated to provide "affordable housing", but that it could raise building/and zoning issues for a non-participating community in the future.

Miscellaneous

- Leo Burke asked which would be best for the FIT Annual Business Meeting, October or September. It was agreed among those present (6 of the 9 Board members) that September would seem best, as more owners, both permanent and part time would more likely be in the city in September than October or later. It was voted by those present that the September 9th meeting would be earmarked as the Annual Business Meeting and Elections.
- Bill Hartranft proposed, seconded by Jim Tweed that FIT provide recognition of Pete Guinasso at the September 9th meeting. It was suggested that we present a plaque or engraved item along with a gift certificate to honor Pete's service to the city, the 4th Ward where he served as Councilman as well as his many years of service to FIT.

Adjourned 5:45 P.M.

The next meeting (s) is scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2016, 3:00 P.M.

Annual Business Meeting & Board Elections scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2016 3:00

Respectfully submitted by:
Sheila Hartranft, Secretary