

## Minutes

Brown County League of Women Voters

September 14, 2015

Present: Pam Raider, Julie Winn, Janet Kramer, Ruth Reichmann, Shari Frank, Cathy Rountree, JoAnne Himebaugh, Robyn Rosenberg-Bowman, Evan Wierling and Linda Shanks (state liaison).

Minutes of August 10, 2015 were approved with some spelling corrections.

Treasurer report - Treasurer not present – no report given. Janet has received \$20 in support of Who's Where and Julie has received the PO Box bill.

Correspondence: Common Cause has notified us of state legislature study on redistricting which will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 am at the statehouse. Indiana Forest Alliance reminds us of comment hearing on new forest plan next Monday in Indianapolis – Julie will send out notice on line.

### Current Business:

Community Conversation: August 13 focus on Parks and trails. Good attendance and discussions. Several Action ideas came out of meeting: 1) Set up Master Calendar of community events to which all have access 2) Approach Eric Koch committee about reimbursement of county services to the park 3) Mountain bike bronze rating is a big deal – how do we develop good services to keep rating or place higher? September 24<sup>th</sup> conversation is planned – Panel includes: Jon Kay Lyn Letsinger Miller, Pam Raider, Scott Hutchinson, Kathy Anderson, Teresa Anderson, Nancy Crocker, and Joe Wray.

Who's Where: In distribution.

Fiscal Viability Study: Need another meeting to pull the numbers together and finish project – Julie would like another chairman. Tomorrow's Council is meeting to finalize, Jan and JoAnne will cover meeting.

Fire District: Case was decided in favor of Commissioners. We still need to do further study on Emergency Services. A letter of opinion or response from the League on this issue might be worthwhile listing the problems that led to this position and that they still exist (lack of water, adequate road – planning issues).

95 Anniversary celebrations – deadline for state event on September 26<sup>th</sup> is coming up soon – several have signed up - plan to carpool. Nothing set yet for local celebration.

Redevelopment Commission had meeting Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Some want Sock Factory money to go toward running sewer line to Opry. Meeting seemed somewhat orchestrated. Discussion about town trying to annex corridors to town to increase revenues. Redevelopment needs to come up with larger plan for community and address sewer, water and fire issues.

### New Business:

Last Commissioners meeting Jeff Deckard spoke of his concerns about design problems with Yellowwood Rd plan – no proper drainage – part of on-going issues.

Website/Newsletter: Newsletter came out after August conversation. Website up to date.

### Committees:

Observer Corps: Meetings were short due to budget hearings Pam has only attended one of late - nothing new to report.

Partnership: Janet reports good attendance at first meeting. Next one scheduled for Sept 22 – she cannot attend. Shari will attend in her place.

Health – Cathy Rountree has been appointed to local health board position – explains how the board works and what responsible for – late concern is about needle exchange and trying to get figures on Hep C.

State league – Linda asks if anything state can do for us. Buttons were suggested.

Schools – working with Amy Oliver to get a film about suffragettes to school kids.

Next Board meeting is October 12, 2015, 10 am BC Library.

Pam Raider

Secretary

League of Women Voters of Brown County