



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NWRAPS Board Meeting – May 14, 2019

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus Jim Hendren Mark Peters Anthony Chapple
Brian Anselmo

Non-Board Attendees: Charlotte Hanks, Mark Birch, Paula Cross, Rose Marie Thompson, Lisa Gregory, Jason Butterick, Cheryl Thruitt, Dorothy Jackson Garrett

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

February and April minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

- Abandoned Housing Act – help is needed in drafting a petition for the court proceeding.
- Bylaws – A Motion was made to **“Amend Article 1 Section 2 in reference to CHDO activities as described below:**
 - Section 2 Change from: **"The area served by this organization is the Millikin Heights neighborhood of Decatur, IL."** to **"The primary area served by this organization is the Millikin Heights neighborhood of Decatur, IL. The organization also serves the entire city of and Decatur, IL in regard to its CHDO efforts."** The Motion passed.
- Summer Lawn Party – there will be a summer lawn party at the Millikin Homestead from 6-8pm on July 10 (rain date is July 11).

New Business:

- Anthony Chapple accepted The Board appointment as an At-Large member.

Special Guest speaker – Scot Wrighton, City Manager, discussed the following topics:

In reference to the Revitalization effort, the most recent meeting was intended to:

- Start actions from the original study sessions – there is a related Power Point on the City website.
- Introduce possible strategies.
- Determine how to measure success.
- There is another meeting scheduled June 24 for more action plan presentations.

Other topics of discussion included –

- Concentration on 'limited' neighborhood areas first; incentives for certain neighborhoods to foster growth opportunities; Economic Development; aggressive job training; Potential for 'Opportunity Zone' projects that would need to meet certain Treasury Dept. criteria and would need to offer investors Return On Investment.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo