

MIFFLIN WEST DISTRICT
Minutes of meeting held on November 11, 2009

In attendance: Diane & Rick Broughman, Brandon Cook, Dory Christensen, Pat Heiser, Gordon Lodahl, Pat Morris, Larry Warman, Jeffrey Wills and Ruth Yarborough

The meeting was called to order by Larry at 6:30 p.m. on November 11 at the Central Library. Ruth read the minutes from the October 14th meeting. Dory made a motion to approve them as read, and it was seconded. Minutes were approved.

Rick reported on an Oct. 20th meeting showing the Mifflin West city plan. The meeting, held at the Memorial Union on campus, was for the benefit of students. Poorly attended, there was little comment, except that they need inexpensive housing in the Mifflin Street area.

Ruth reported on the Monday, November 9th meeting of the Urban Planning Commission with their planning staff, a working meeting. Chairman Nan Fey said that there would be no decisions made that evening. They plan a follow-up meeting on November 30th at 5:30 p.m. in room #300 in the P.O. Building, when they will finish work. It was a good presentation by staff and many interesting comments by the Commissioners, who will eventually make the decisions on the plan. They are saying that there will probably be a new central transportation center located, possibly west of the Capital Square or East. Maps show that there is need for more green space and open space. The green space is especially needed in the Mifflin West area. They also felt we need more and better use of our lake shores, with creating more recreational facilities, perhaps adding fishing piers, etc.

In our Mifflin West meeting discussion that followed, Jeff suggested the City could buy two mid-block houses with adjoining back fences on parallel streets, creating a green space. Someone said the City has funds for that sort of thing.

On the proposal of adding some Mifflin West district signs, Ruth said she feels we should perhaps do this another year. Even if we received a City grant, it would require matching from CNI and she doesn't want to do any more fund raising this year. She wants Rick to have CNI funds for the new sign for the Farmer's Market and other CNI events.

Larry reported on the CNI meeting with the Mayor on Nov. 10th. Mayor Dave is also concerned about not enough green space in the center of the West side. Larry said there are two other meetings: the Nov. 30th meeting at 5:30 in the P.O. Bldg., #300 and Dec. 1 at 5:30 in basement of P.O. Bldg. for Alders & Mifflin West plan

Brandon has a new rebuilding plan on one of his properties this coming year. He had brought along the architect's drawings and pictures of the current building to be replaced. So Larry asked him to show us the plans. He is replacing a small, old house that has been difficult to rent with a new contemporary one and we enjoyed seeing the comparison. Larry also asked if he might be interested in taking an empty Mifflin West seat we have on the CNI executive council. Larry is pursuing the possibility.

Larry wanted to organize a walk of the M.W neighborhood and Sunday was the only day this week everyone could do it. Jeff offered his house on Broom Street for a meeting place at 1:00 p.m.

Next monthly meeting of Mifflin West will be on December 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Library.

Minutes by Ruth