

Friends of City Hall Regular Meeting 9/27/2012

A regular meeting of the Friends of City Hall was held on Thursday September 27, 2012 at City Hall 300 Broadway, and was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Judy White.

Minutes for the August regular meeting and September 13th special Heritage Day planning meeting were unanimously approved.

Heritage Day: The final Heritage Day Event Schedule was distributed to members in attendance and reviewed in detail by Becky Lepley. Diane Lovett shared the final plans for the Children's Area activities.

The time capsule will be returned to the city on October 1st in preparation for the reinterment ceremony. Ray is working on finalizing plans for the copper time capsule box. Upon review of the original time capsule it was noticed that the existing seal appears to be broken. It was noted that this appears to have happened some time ago and was not a result of recent work on the building.

A working ground plan for Heritage Day was distributed for review and final input from members in attendance. Becky Lepley and Amber Menchaca will work on the final ground plan with a list of events to distribute on Heritage Day.

Heritage Day set up will be from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm on Friday October 6th. City Hall will open starting at 7:00 am on Heritage Day for final set up.

300 Broadway Report: Ray shared information from the architect's paint scraping of the exterior of the building. It is the architect's opinion that the original color of the windows and doors was green with cream colored trim. The architect is looking for input from the 300 Broadway Committee as to how the city wishes to incorporate colors into the new windows and doors.

Ray shared his ideas on partnering with the Marine City Historical Society and working to pass a millage to fund the rest of the restoration of 300 Broadway. It is thought that a 1 mill bond would generate an estimated \$2,000,000 based on current real estate values in the city. This amount would cover the current plans for restoration. Targeting the August 2013 primary is thought to be the best strategy since the typically low voter turnout would make it easier to pass the millage. Ballot language would need to be generated and approved by the county. 400 signatures of supportive Marine City residents would be needed to place the item on the ballot. Friends of City Hall and Marine City Historical Society members would be responsible for soliciting the signatures. Members in attendance were in support of this millage.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
David L. Simpson, *Secretary*