

AMSTERDAM/CHURCHILL PLANNING GROUP

Minutes of Jan. 11, 2011

ATTENDEES: Gail Weidenaar, Brendon Beyers, Warren Vaughn, Eleanor Vander Ark, Leah DeNooy, Cindy Elliot, Jim Potts, Tim Van Dam

BUSINESS:

- Introductions and rumor mill
- Quorum was met: yes
- Excused absence: Waley Sales
- Minutes approved for the Dec. 12, 2010

-Committee reports: Treasurer- Gail handed out the annual treasurer report dated 01-11-11. And reported that other annual reports are being worked on. We might have to add a "conflict of interest" clause to the by laws. Warren said the last mailing cost about \$225. The county will bill us. Discussed the cost of up keeping the website. Agreed that it is worth keeping but need to keep information current on the site. Warren to forward info on to the host and to talk with Amsterdam School about a link with our site. Leah to talk with Manhattan Chr. School and Brendon to talk with Amsterdam Bank about a link with our site also.

Sidewalk: Jim Potts gave an update on the sewer grants that have been applied for. DNRC has approved a grant for \$100,000, (to be approved by the legislature). The district has not heard about the TCEP grant status. They are looking into other funding sources in the meantime

Sewer/Water: Discussed the community meeting that was held last December 2010. Warren reported that the Safe Routes to School grant was submitted before the end of 2010. We should hear about that in March 2011. Agreed that the schools can move forward on the following: identify a middle school class from each school to do GIS work, which would include maps and geographical information- Leah will talk with Grace Dyk at MCS and Jamie Wubben at Amsterdam School; inform the schools about a workshop for teacher training to help educate the community and the students; have the sheriff involved and present while children are traveling to and from school and do bicycle safety; help identify where the sidewalk and trails will be located.

Discussed different routes across the Ecton and CTA properties. Cindy is checking on liability concerns. Brendon to set up a meeting with Manhattan Rotary Club. Warren to attend and inform them about our sidewalk plans and ask for donations.

NEW BUSINESS: Warren handed out an update on the town core. Come to the next meeting prepared to discuss that and how to bring this information to the community at large.

NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2011 7:00PM at the bank
MEETING ADJOURNED