

October 16, 2014

Williamsburg Lower Elementary Open Meeting

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and noted council members Bunge, Grier, Kirkpatrick and McGovern present. Also present were Jeff Schott, Director with the University of Iowa, Institute of Public Affairs, and Deputy Clerk Julie Spratt as well as public as listed on the attached sign up sheets.

Mayor Murphy gave a brief overview of the intent of the meeting and introduced Jeff Schott.

Schott explained what he hoped to accomplish with this meeting and how he would get to that point. He stated that surveys must be turned in by Wednesday, October 22nd. He will then put together a report that will become part of the council meeting to be held October 27th.

Schott asked what the community felt their needs were and if those needs are being met.

Myrna Curtis, 605 Madison: Would like to see the City development. Sell property.

Marty Bunge, 127 Country Club: purpose of the meeting is to get input/ideas from the public.

Duane Musser, 202 Westwood Rd – Do we feel there is a shortage of any type of service such as apartments, restaurants, housing, office space

Mayor Murphy: Needs are pretty much met here in Williamsburg

June Von Ahsen, 100 Valley Rd: suggested 2nd grocery store

Myrna Curtis: grocery store, senior village around outside of square with courtyard in center

Harvey Von Ahsen: put a big for sale sign on the lot and see what comes to us

Don Bardole, 1200 W State St: Asked what the property is zoned...Deputy Clerk Spratt answered RS Residential

Duane Musser: If someone wants to purchase it can we get them to build what we want?

Gail Kreutzer, 703 Clearview: What is the condition of the ground? Property is not contaminated. Are there utilities there? No, but they are available.

What use would you prefer overall?

What would you prefer if sold privately?

Single family	0	Single family	0
Multi family	2	Multi family	2
Commercial/Retail	6	Commercial/Retail	3
Office Use	1	Office Use	3
Public Use	7		

Diane Gowin, 503 Franklin St: Would like to see the property become a park

How many people would like to see the property listed for sale & see what offers come in? 11

Should we list what type of use it can be used for – Yes

Ed Ficken, 1509 W Welsh: Concerned that if it is commercial we may end up with empty storefronts on the square

Pat McGovern, 210 Tracy Lane: Do people envision parceling it out? Possibly split into two pieces for example residential and a park.

Myrna Curtis: Keeping the square occupied is very important

Joyce Rowe, 105 E State: something without odor, noise, not dirty

Jeff Schott: Sell as one parcel? 6 Divide into parcels: 0

Gail Kreutzer: Does the City or school need more room?

Joyce Rowe: Traffic is also a concern, very busy corner

Myrna Curtis: Has there been any show of interest by anyone wanting to buy the property? No

Marty Bunge: DOT will not permit a drive to that parcel on S. Highland St

Ed Ficken: Stated that we do have zoning laws that protect us.

Meeting came to a close at 6:50 p.m.

Julie Spratt, Deputy Clerk