

Status Notes of Exhibition Center Developments by Walt Rugland

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I have nearly finished recruiting an initial slate of founding directors. A first annual meeting has been scheduled for Jan 28. At that meeting the directors will be elected, we will approve bylaws and establish committees along with their designated authority.

The Advisory Council is also filling out and these folks will be prime candidates to round out the Board committees, applying their individual skills. Dave Willems has helped with recruiting. The Advisory Council criteria:

Representing the Corporation to the general public. Serving as requested on a Corporation Board committee(s). Dedicating time, thought, and energy towards a successful achievement of the Corporation objectives. Participating actively in advocacy of the Center; cultivate support for the Center within the community.

Nominations welcome!

Revised Articles were sent to Madison last week and I have not heard of the need for any further modification.

At sometime FCEC will need to handle money and we are not gearing up for that duty. The Community Foundation has agreed to provide back office support on the financial side as we require it. For operational support I have accepted Dave Willems offer for his staff to provide the logistical help we need.

Boldt has accepted the task of coordinating some early design concepts and construction cost figures. John Pfefferle and I spent time with them this week going over some of the Coalition ideas and linking in the needs of various stakeholders to the design concerns. This work is critical to moving forward on various fronts and they understand the time constraints.

Today we are sending a FEDEX letter to the Montclair Partners (PVH owners) giving them background and asking for a meeting in Appleton or greater Chicago. Jay Schumerth of the RPV hotel has been alerted and will join us at Montclair's option.

I have sent an update to the members of the Community Coalition informing them of progress to date.

Peter Stueck, VC of the County Property and Airport Committee, met with Karen Harkness and me to discuss the expectation of the Property Committee members when we update them on the Coalition report Jan 25.

On Jan 20 Karen and I are meeting with the interested candidates for County Exec in OC to brief them on the Coalition report. I hope Helen Nagler, OC Board Chair, will also join us.

This continues to be almost like a perfect storm, all the components need to come together. Some can move ahead of others, but only with a contingent provision, and the problem with that is that it tends to postpone commitments (a situation that has existed for many years). I think the idea is worthwhile for all concerned.

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