

CCC Meeting

August 10, 2010

Attendees:

John Floyd, Jon Newlin, Dick Davis, Rick Homkes, Isabella Chism, Don Wilson, Dave Schulte, Pat Crittendon, Tina Durham, and Kevin Moss.

Opening:

The meeting was called to order by President Isabella Chism at 5:30, and the committee and audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

John Floyd proposed the August 3rd meeting minutes be amended to reflect the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) response to John Holmes' Kokomo Event Center (KEC) proposal. Dave Schulte made a motion to accept the amended minutes and Rick Homkes seconded.

PO Box Mail:

The CCC received a letter from the Greater Kokomo Economic Development Alliance stating their policy position regarding local government consolidation.

Admin:

John Floyd and Isabella Chism attended the Kokomo City Council meeting to request support for the CCC's 911 Dispatch Proposal. After a few minor disagreements the proposal received unanimous support.

John Floyd requested Dave Schulte make a presentation to the CCC at our next meeting to further educate the committee on purchasing strategies and techniques. This is in preparation for the CCC looking at the City and County purchasing processes.

Convention and Visitors Bureau Presentation:

Peggy Hobson presented the CCC with a packet containing the following information for review and consideration:

- A letter from Attorney Glenn Bowman regarding the legal issues surrounding the merger of the CVB.
- A letter from Jim Epperson, president of the Association of Indiana Convention and Visitors Bureaus stating opposition to the merger of the KEC and CVB.
- The CVB's Mission, Organizational Philosophy and Customer Commitment.
- The CVB's Board of Directors
- CVB Metrics
- 2010-2012 Kokomo/Howard County Strategic Destination Plan

Kelly Karickhoff, CVB Board Member, Krista Tharp, CVB Board Member and others all spoke in opposition of the merger of the Kokomo Event Center (KEC) and the CVB.

The group brought a petition with 100 business people opposed to the merger.

The overriding reason for the opposition of a merger was that the CVB markets for all of Howard County and the KEC is focused on the utilization of one venue. The group emphasized this was a conflict of interest.

Public Comment:

Bill Thompson presented a timeline of events necessary to implement the CCC's proposed 911 project. The most important issue is the writing of an interlocal agreement between the County and City.

Closing:

The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 31st in Room 101.

Dick Davis made a motion to adjourn and Pat Crittendon seconded.