

Lancaster City Downtowners

September 24, 2007

Review

Notes as published on Mailing List:

This past Monday evening, September 24, about 60 to 65 people gathered for the fall general meeting of Lancaster Downtowners. Energy was high during the formal meeting. Lots of informal conversation followed the meeting as we all enjoyed a wonderful spread of cookies baked by Caroline Pargeon.

Jacqueline Burch, Executive Director of Lancaster County Office of Aging and Randy Patterson, director of Economic Development and Revitalization of Neighborhoods gave brief presentations followed by a question and answer session. Both acknowledged Lancaster Downtowners as an appropriate response to growing interest in aging in place and spoke of ways that our interests are in line with things that they are already doing in and around downtown Lancaster.

Rod Houser opened the meeting with a very brief history of Downtowners and reviewed items in the information packet that each person attending received. The packet contained:

- Introductory letter
- What is Lancaster Downtowners?
- Hypothetical case studies of persons who could be served by Downtowners
- Organizational Plan
- Lancaster Intelligencer Journal article by Jeff Hawkes
- NY times article - Beacon Hill (Boston) Village
- Enrollment Form for Lancaster Downtowners

Rod invited those in attendance to officially enroll with Downtowners and make a contribution toward start up costs.

Recorded by Rod Houser