

May 16, 2016 WCP Minutes

In attendance: Emily R., George S., Jen M., Ted W., Caren C., Ed, Mike P., Mark H., Barbara B., Andrew Z., Scot L.

Call to order.

Minutes for 10/19 and 11/16 approved, one person abstained.

Discuss new committee chair - person is to chair meetings and E.R. prepares materials for meetings, would be good to have two people to cover for each other....Vote in Ed as Chair and Jen M. as Vice Chair. Ed prefers term "Moderator".

"Roles" - Mark to move items along:

- How to incl more people and areas in process

- How to create a flexible document

- Suggests sticking with commonalities and build consensus

- Narrow things down in to what people will "buy in to"

 - ie: Ballfields - many dif groups use it and appreciate it

Mark: by December will draft document and WCPC will review and edit

- Create Survey - short/index cards - i.e.: find retirees to help with survey, high schoolers

 - Scot L. will check with high school, Miller - try school newsletters?

 - How to access new groups via Twitter, Snapchat, FB etc

Mark H.- a review of past meetings:

- ie: in March we discussed 3 community meetings before summer - are we ready?

- in April - discussion of where we are -

 - Task 1: public participation

 - Task 2: background research and existing studies i.e.: Emily's spreadsheet

 - Task 3: inventories There are two Masters:

 - a) State guidelines B) Master Plan - need and received recently from

 - Emily (do I have this note right???)

Decide - hold off on community wide survey - use a test draft first

Discuss having first forum in June - and have specific topic? Vote to have first meeting in June.

Want to hear what's on people's minds, hopes and priorities, to encourage a sense of community - what will get people to the meeting? (Discuss Newcastle's pizza and beer...)

Emphasize "Comprehensive"...many people want to contribute...

To garner attendance/interest - discuss ways of spreading the work thru different groups:

- Emily will do a press release

- Scot will follow up with letters - to different church groups etc

the Coffee Klatches - at all mtgs people discussed "incubator spaces", office needs etc., signage to bring people back in to village, river use ideas

Emily reads form two possible "visions" developed during Coffee Klatches" - food based and outdoor activities are good marketing tools for promoting the town

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How to encourage the type of development we want to see

Refer to the 2010 Study - establish historical district first, change traffic and sidewalks, suggest we take parts of this and use them to generate interest

Committee task - look at new docs and compare them with past plans. What do we need to move forward - which items?

Suggest invite fire chief/dept heads to fall meeting to see what they need for future

Next meeting June 20th.