

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

May 18, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT: David Pisha, Julie Hance, Scott Wunderle, Jason Rasmussen, Hugh Henry, Rick Paterno, Barre Pinske; Claudio Veliz, Carla Westine; Kelly Arrison; Bob Flint

VISITORS: Lee Gustafson; Arne Jonynas; Tory Spater; Lillian Willis

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

1. Minutes:

A motion was made by Rick Paterno to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carla Westine. The motion passed.

2. Review Implementation Chart:

The Committee discussed the Implementation Chart and its organization. The following modifications were agreed to:

Objective 1:

Item A, Promenade should be mid-Term. Lillian Willis stated that she would like to see the monuments moved from the Green so that they are all located together near the Hearse House and Tomb. This would provide many benefits to the community. This should be added to Item A in Objective 1. This should be included in any design efforts of the promenade.

Item B, Brookside Trail should be near-term and would be \$\$.

Item C should be identified as an on-going project. Quantity should be larger than 30 sf.

Item E was discussed with regard to the number of crossings. David Pisha stated that VTrans recently reduced the number of crossings in Chester because there were too many. The committee discussed that this should be modified to remove the number 4 and just talk about creating better access to the courtyard. The bulb outs were also discussed. It was agreed that these are not practical for Chester. Perhaps we could look at seasonal bulb outs only.

Remove Item F, Main Street Banners from the list.

Remove item G, Utility Relocation. It was agreed that this item could be modified to reflect an effort to clean up the existing lines. There are many lines that can come down, most of which appears to be VTel lines. Carla Westine suggested writing a letter to the

Department of Public Service asking that these lines be removed. Bob Flint will find a contact for David Pisha to get a hold of.

Item H was discussed. Claudio suggested that this cost seems low. Everybody agreed that this was an important item to do some research and analysis done on. This project would yield positive results. This project should also be moved from long term to mid term.

Objective 2:

Item A, Sidewalks, should be moved to near-term since Julie will be applying for the Bike/Ped grant.

Item B, Retaining wall, Hugh Henry has concerns about this wall and feels that aesthetically it would not be pleasing. Scott has spoken with the landowners who have indicated potential interest depending on design. The potential of a stone wall might be a nice addition. The stone wall would only be required to be about 2 or 3 feet.

Item C. The committee discussed the connection between Main Street and the Depot. Julie Hance stated that she will be applying for the Bike/Ped Grant and it would be a good opportunity to also submit the cost for conduit for the lighting. Lillian Willis suggested that the lighting extend to the Stone Village as well. This could be stage 3.

Item D, Triangle Intersection, discussion took place regarding how to beautify the triangle. This should just read to improve landscaping at intersection and remove the word “planters”.

Item E should note that the train depot and town hall parking are all linked together.

Item F should be changed to say a Node instead of a “Gateway”. The committee agreed that the document should encourage active use of the train station.

Objective 4:

Item B should be moved from mid-term to immediate or near-term as these are low cost.

There was discussion about combining C and D. Arne Jonynas also stated that Rainbow Rock should be added as this property is being donated to the town and is a swimming hole. Barre Pinske talked about the kayaking options available along the Williams River which should be promoted.

Objective 5:

Item D should be removed.

There should be signage added so that people know to walk up Cobleigh Street to the Green.

3. Review Chapter 7:

This item was not discussed.

4. Adjourn:

The next meeting was scheduled for May 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Chester Town Hall.

A motion was made by Kelly Arrison to adjourn. Seconded by Rick Paterno. The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Julie Hance
Secretary