

MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

May 9, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT: David Pisha, Julie Hance, Scott Wunderle, Jason Rasmussen, Hugh Henry, Rick Paterno, Barre Pinske; Claudio Veliz, Carla Westine; Carla Westine; Kelly Arrison; Jackie Cassino; Richard Amore, Mark Kane

VISITORS: Lee Gustafson; Frank Bidwell; Shawn Cunningham; Brett Rugg; Arne Jonynas

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

1. Minutes:

A motion was made by Jason Rasmussen to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carla Westine. The motion passed.

Change to state that Claudio Veliz is designing the first candidate sign.

A motion was made by Kelly Arrison to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Claudio Veliz. The motion passed.

2. Review Consolidated List of Projects:

The Committee reviewed the consolidated list of projects with Mark Kane.

Mark Kane questioned the location of the “McNally” property on Route 11 West. Rick Paterno provided some history of where this list came from and that it is a consolidation of the committee’s suggestions. Mark Kane reviewed a spreadsheet that breaks down each potential project and identifies a description as well as an estimated cost. This list will also identify potential grant sources as well as case studies.

Mark Kane will forward the chart to Julie who will forward to the Steering Committee.

Barre Pinske stated that he would like to make sure that the triangle is utilized to make sure that there is proper signage directing to the Green.

The Committee discussed the old McNally property and potential development for a small family park. Mark Kane suggested that there could be a river walk from School Street to the McNallys.

Hugh Henry discussed the potential of developing the property near the Gristmill property, which is along the river. Mark Kane suggested implementing tactical urbanism and start using these areas as parks. Infrastructure can be added later. The same could

happen with bike lanes and painting in bike lanes to show that it can work. The same could happen with the promenade area.

The committee discussed the signage that is being developed. Mark Kane stressed that the message conveyed to the community needs to be the story that the signs tell and why the designs are chosen. There also will be a direct interaction with the community.

Lee Gustafson questioned how these areas will be protected from vandalism. Police presence will need to be increased in these areas. Potential signage demonstrating hours could be done. Kelly Arrison stated that he feels that the areas need to be welcoming. Claudio Veliz suggested having some events at these locations so that there is some community ownership to the area. This might help to lessen any vandalism.

Hugh Henry suggested that there be a design competition for the design of the Brookside Cemetery. Scott Wunderle stated that a comment was made to him that it would be nice for the Brookside walk to connect to the Senior Housing.

Rick Paterno stated that he would like for the Master Plan to name a signature project. Mark Kane suggested that the Promenade is really a central project that would be a great starter project. Barre Pinske stated that he would like to see something done in the town hall area since the Green is already a beautiful area. He feels that this would have a greater impact. Mark Kane stated that the promenade will add more event space and is in a closer relation to the economic engine of the town. The promenade can also be done in phases.

The committee discussed improved parking behind The Green. Carla Westine also discussed the idea of parking at the Canal Street well location.

Rick Paterno stated that a suggestion was made to him to create a monument park near the Baptist Church and move the monuments off The Green. Rick Paterno also stated that there is an initiative to improve the Christmas lighting on the Green. The committee discussed outlets being located in the ground. Hugh Henry asked that there be thoughtfulness in the design of this additional electricity. Mark Kane agreed.

3. Review Draft Master Plan:

Mark Kane suggested that the Steering Committee have a full meeting where they review the Draft Plan. It was recommended that each committee member come with the top 5 things they would like to see changed. Mark Kane will provide the Implementation section to Julie by Monday. Mark also stated that there if there are nitty gritty things, get them to Julie and she will forward to Mark.

Scott Wunderle stated that he feels that the first page of the document should reflect the vision statement and the purpose.

4. Adjourn:

The next meeting was scheduled for May 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the Free Range Restaurant.

A motion was made by Claudio Veliz to adjourn. Seconded by Kelly Arrison. The meeting adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Julie Hance
Secretary