



Steering Committee Meeting

Summary Notes | March 16, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Craig Polhamus, Sara Bollinger, Tim Rowland, Mark Matt, Betsy Bower, Mike Small,
Chairperson, Karen Shepardson, Deputy Village Clerk, Scott Dumas
Consultant Team -- Jane Nicholson, Sam Gordon

1. Project Updates

- + The Community Questionnaire remains posted on the website, along with the virtual version of the Open House. The questionnaire should remain open until at least the beginning of April, and we will continue to advertise.
 - o Board members discussed additional options for distribution to capture more renters and school-age children. Members of the Committee will be working to distribute surveys to broaden the results.
 - o How to get the younger demographic input – what will it take to retain them
 - o Opportunities to tie into a local government class

2. Discussion

- + The Steering Committee reviewed the results from the Open House, and preliminary survey results. The project team noted that comments that were derogatory were removed.
- + General comments:
 - o In general, there was not much objection to the existing goals; rather, comments and suggestions that can be reflected in the specific strategies
 - o Key themes include the challenge of work by the ballfield, Highbridge, and parking.
 - o Role of economic development in the goals- challenges for small businesses, perception of infrastructure and business model
 - o Need to look at the comments, and try to plan for what will happen next or over several years
 - o Changes in working from home – will this pattern continue?
 - o Stormwater infrastructure – role of flooding in certain locations and the relationship to the town, region, etc.
 - o Incorporate comments regarding solar and green environment – composting; potentially tie to yard waste/pick-up or identify a project partner that would work with residents
 - o Climate change as a separate goal – emphasizing alternative energy, solar, active transportation, electronic vehicles, etc.; Climate Smart Community, Stretch Code



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3. Next Steps

- + The next meeting will be held in-person on April 7 at Village Hall
- + The Steering Committee will be reviewing the draft Vision, Goals, and Objectives