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08/01/2013 Minutes

Arlington Master Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes: August 1, 2013, 7:00-9:00 PM

Approved: Sept. 17, 2013

Art Room, Arlington Senior Center

Members present: Charles Kalauskas, Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Carol Svenson, Ann LeRoy, Joe Barr, Pam Heidell, Greg Bowe, Harris Band, Eric Bourassa, Sheri Baron

Members absent: Bob Radochia,

Also present: Consultant Judi Barrett (RKG Associates) and consultant Ezra Glenn; Christine Scypinski (ARB), Steve Byrne (BoS); resident Molly Flueckiger; Carol Kowalski, Laura Wiener, Ted Fields, and Joey Glushko of the Planning Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The minutes of July 18, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Report on progress of the Goals Working Groups

- Greg Bowe (working with Ted Fields) spoke on the progress of the Housing/Economic Development task group
- Charlie Kalauskas confirmed the scheduling for Public Facilities and Public Finance task group public session - which will be held on Tuesday, August 13 in the Senior Center mural room (ground floor), at 7 pm.

Action: Joey Glushko will post this meeting and send out the invitation/announcement of the meeting to selected groups.

Creation of the Master Plan Vision statement – consultant Ezra Glenn guided this discussion.

The discussion began by asking if the Town has a “shared vision;” this led to recognizing the “divides” within the community – age, term of residency, size of household, needs of family, use/support of schools, etc. Town Goals created by Vision 2020 process were recognized – especially as reflections of community character. The group looked at how these might be connected to master planning elements – and it was recognized that “connectedness”, physical and social, was a key term for the community vision.

Action: Consultants Judi Barrett and Ezra Glenn will discuss material from tonight’s discussion and compose a draft of a vision statement, submitting the draft for development by the Advisory group.

Action: As the Goals Working Groups develop their goals, they are reminded to relate them to the “connectedness” expressed in tonight’s discussion.

Town Day Planning

- Recommend a “swag” (free handout item(s)) item for the Town Day Booth
- Handout sheet on what has been done so far
- Tri-fold with town map – with data and fall program date(s)
- Additional data - ?poster format
- Interactive element
 - map places of interest, favorite locations
 - visual selection
 - other

Public Comment – Molly Flueckiger, town resident and member of the Disability Commission, offered comments about working toward the needs of this special interest group, which has great diversity in the population it serves. As we prepare to determine the goals and actions and programs to reach Town goals, she left us with these poignant words – “Don’t be afraid to be bold!”

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM
Minutes submitted by Joey Glushko