



Vision 2020 Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room

Attendees: Juli Brazile, Amy Goldstein, Sue Doctrow, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Annie LaCourt, Josh Lobel, Joey Glushko

Visitors: Scott Lever – pending member, Jen Toole – potential new member

Absent: Mary Harrison

1. Introduction and agenda review, approve minutes of February 10, 2016

Scott has applied to the Superintendent to fill the final vacancy. Jen is a candidate for the next open slot.

2. Budget

\$500 request from APA committee. Voted: \$350.00; \$150.00 for Spy Pond Trail Day; \$50.00 for brochure printing. Unanimous approval. Juli will tell APA that they may be able to get more funding once we know the final expenses for precinct meetings and have final requests from other Task Groups.

3. Task Group reports or discussion

Elizabeth Karpati's departure leaves a spot on the Open Space Committee for a Vision 2020 representative. We will look for a volunteer from among the related task groups – Juli will recruit.

Diversity has a new co-chair, Yawa Degboe.

Elisabeth will help with question screening at Candidates' Night. We discussed whether or not endorsing candidates is a conflict for committee members and concluded that involvement with Candidates Night is the only activity that presents a conflict. If Elisabeth continues with this she will act accordingly.

Amy will reach out to precinct chairs to offer support for any precinct meetings they schedule.

Scott's ideas for launching an Education Task Group – would like to create a group that works on a vision for our schools. Survey 2017 could explore several areas regarding community priorities and spending decisions.

4. Communication

Facebook – Juli will reach out to the Task Groups to determine who works on Facebook for those that have their own page/group and to propose a joint Vision 2020 Facebook that could post information about all our committees and task groups. Sue proposed that we eventually use Facebook to engage followers in conversation about visions for Arlington. Annie volunteered to become an admin and there was general agreement that we have enough people to monitor Facebook to handle any trolls.

Google Group email – still waiting for Task Group chairs to invite more of their members to join.

Our page(s) on the Town website – Joey updated to add a Living Brochure page that provides background on the project and a link to True Story Theater's list of performances.

5. Advisory Board Planning

Need to find a date for next meeting – looking at May 25 or later. Juli will schedule via doodle poll. Will begin to map three goals – education, business, culture and recreation. Homework for advisory members will be to review these goals using the instrument we developed and list groups etc. engaged with them. We should all be familiar with the master plan before that meeting. We will pre-populate the network map by assigning the Town Committees listed on the website to goals. Juli will invite Adria Arch (Culture), Joe Connelly (Recreation), and Ted Fields (Business) to this meeting because we should have some people who are very familiar with what's happening in the goal areas.

Some discussion about larger issues with the Advisory Board and Vision 2020. The process of mapping the existing networks will set Vision 2020 to act as a convener to enable connections among various organizations in their goal area. The other piece will be to get more input from residents so we hear their thoughts about where we are now in each goal area and their visions for the future.

6. New Business

Planning for processing the survey was done. We have 2900 surveys scanned. Juli will work on logging all comments, which is separate and hard to divide up.

Submitted by Annie LaCourt