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10-Year Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Trish Danka, Jeff Dussetschleger, Kathie Vrlik, Don Smith, Jen Magri and Rory Burke

Members Absent: None

Item #1: Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Item #2: Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3: Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #4: Board/Department interviews – schedule

The Committee has a schedule through October. Rory will follow up with the Boards to ensure they understand the request is to be on the agenda.

Item #5: Communications subcommittee update

Kathie spoke to the Principal and Vice Principal and told them the idea. Paul Lucke suggested the marketing class. The teacher was on-board and invited her to speak to the class. There are 24 kids that will break down into teams and each will choose a topic to make the video on. They will show how the school is working on the initiatives. There has to be a lead-in and 2.5 minutes of content, edited for the Committee's review. Then the Committee will script the front half with the students' help. They will play director with Kurt and film several segments in a day. They have their own equipment but will receive further instruction at Comcast's facility.

Item #6: Update: Seymour Housing Authority interview

Rory and Kathie met with Seymour Housing Authority's Executive Director, Dave Keyser. Dave laid out several problems facing the authority. He estimates they need \$12m to modernize their existing housing stock. Because a large portion of their units are undesirable efficiency apartments and there is a cap on the total number of affordable housing units permitted in Town, he wants to build new facilities on land that people want to donate to the Housing Authority and convert the efficiency apartments into 1-bedroom units. To do this, he needs an estimated \$250k to for preparatory surveys required by the Federal government, which funds SHA. He would like more support from the Town in grant applications and help getting the State and Federal delegations' support. He would like to be included in the Small Cities Program application that Town submits every year. He would like the SHA to reassume control of Seymour's Section 8 vouchers, which were ceded to Ansonia in the 70's. He would also like HUD to allow them to separate the elderly and young disabled population because there has been a lot of tension. He would also appreciate if the senior bus could be used by more than just the senior population.

Item #7: Update: Culture & Arts Committee meeting

The Committee's main concern was a lack of communication, mostly between committees. There seems to be poorly delineated roles of the Downtown Committee and Culture & Arts. They said there

wasn't a good venue for events. They use downtown but it has a concrete jungle vibe. They would love for the Community Center to become a sort of village green. They are looking to transition to a greater focus on the art portion of their charge due to perceived public apathy towards their programming. They are installing their first sculpture at Broad Street Park this year and hope to put one on the greenway trail when it is complete. They would really like to do murals on the many empty walls in the downtown area, particularly the Metro North retaining walls, but also the Route 8 support columns and walls.

Item #8: Update: Board of Fire Commissioners meeting

There was a miscommunication and the Commissioners were not aware that Trish and Don would be attending their meeting. They are open to setting something up and will contact Trish..

Item #9: Transferring interview templates to strategic plan

Jeff left at 8:30

The Committee reviewed the departmental templates and slotted them into the existing plan where possible.

Item #10: Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Item #11: Open discussion

The Committee still needs to find a Democratic member. Members will approach prospective candidates.

Item #12: Adjournment

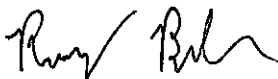
A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion: Kathie Vrlik

Second: Rory Burke

Vote: 5-0

Submitted by,



Rory Burke
Recording Secretary