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MINUTES
10-Year Strategic Planning Committee
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Don Smith, Rory Burke, Trish Danka, Kathie Vrlik and Jen Magri (7:05 PM)

Members Absent: Jeff Dussetschleger

Others Present: None

Item #1: Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Approval of minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 9th meeting.

Motion: Kathie Vrlik

Second: Rory Burke

Vote: 4-0

Item #5: Board/commission interviews

Parks – Parks has no inventory of capital items and expenditures nor any depreciation built into its budget. They aren't opposed to joining with the Recreation department but want to make sure their budget is protected. Vandalism is a constant issue. They want improved police presence and need nightvision cameras.

Recreation – Trish said things have improved a lot, particularly communication, since Mary arrived. They have a lot of ideas for what they'd like to do. They would like temporary facilities for winter (bubbles), a pool and others. They generally need more space and mentioned the 3rd floor of the Community Center.

Public Works – Staff levels have decreased as population has increased. They are starting to be proactive but are so far behind in terms of policy and equipment that they're still playing catch up. There is too much of a focus on large equipment in place of small equipment. The facility is old and short on space. Overall, they believe that new management will solve a lot of issues. Administration sometimes makes decisions with without consulting them. They believe they have a perception problem with the public and that they deserve more respect. They also think there needs to be more delineation regarding duties with Parks, schools, etc. There is redundancy with ordering equipment and budgets.

Item #6: Remaining interviews

Fire Commissioners – Thursday, April 28th at 7 PM at Citizens Engine. Trish and Kathie will attend. Trish will reschedule with Livable Communities.

Committee members will finish up their notes and templates and upload them to the drive. The Committee will begin reviewing them and adding them to the plan beginning in May.

Item #7: Potential appointment

The Committee discussed potential candidates for the vacancy and will revisit it at the next meeting.

Item #8: Next steps

Kathie recommended that the Committee review the video program at the next meeting to determine how we want the program to proceed before the Committee meets with the school.

The Communication Subcommittee will meet to discuss public outreach. A public forum will be the ultimate goal sometime after Labor Day but they will discuss other mediums and communication vehicles.

Item #9: Open discussion

Charter revision – The committee should still be formed so that they have plenty of time to work.

Budget cuts – The governor proposed \$800,000+ in budget cuts to Seymour. The Legislature will take action in two weeks so we will see what the results are.

Item #10: Public comment

There was no public comment.

Item #11: Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

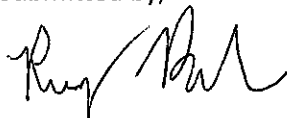
Motion: Rory Burke

Second: Kathie Vrlik

Vote: 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rory Burke', written over a horizontal line.

Rory Burke
Recording Secretary