

Greenhills Comprehensive Plan

Steering Team Meeting Summary

Date: April 28, 2009
Time: 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Place: Community Building

Participants: Jeff Palmer, David Adams, Jane Berry, Erin Coddington, Jason Covalcine, Glenn Drees, Ann Krebs, Christine McDaniel, David Moore, Camille Nasbe, Terri Treinen, Neil White, Catalina Landivar HCRPC staff, Todd Kinsley HCRPC staff

Highlights and Agreements:

- Committee members excused absences: Bev Ventura.
- The group reviewed the document “Goals, Objectives and Strategies”. Community input from the March 26, 2009 was considered as well as new information that has become available in recent days resulted in a revised version of the draft. See attachment.
- Comments that were translated into goals about acquisition and reuse of Johnny’s Toys were deleted due the announcement that the property has been acquired and fairly soon will reopen as a distributor of home and garden products (The company has two locations in the metropolitan area, one in Harrison and another in Oxford).
- The boundaries of additional residential districts were proposed. They are reflected in the map on page 4 of the attachment.
- There was a discussion on goals and objectives drafted in the Schools/Education segment. It was stated and acknowledged that school district ratings and perceptions of its success is very important for the image of the community. Some real estate (home purchases) decisions are made based on the school district ratings. The name “Winton Woods” School District does not reinforce the sense of place (Greenhills or Forest Park or Springfield Twp) but evokes the image of the park. On the other hand there are many other districts that do not identify with a specific place, for example Lakota or Princeton. Many people chose not to learn of the programs, policies, and successes the WW school district has to offer. The School District has prepared a strategic/marketing plan. The Village of Greenhills can not support an effort to try to separate from the school district. There are a number of changes that the residents would like to see regarding the schools that the Village has not the authority or resources to make it happen. Residents need to work with the school district within the WWSD regulatory and budgetary process.
- Map showing sites with redevelopment potential should labeled “preliminary”, and the “business district” label changed to “Village Center”. (Change has been made. See attachment).
- May 21 meeting: this will be an opportunity for members of the steering team to work closely with stakeholders in this community to iron out issues and find the common ground to base recommendations to the Village. Three topics will be discussed in small groups (a combination of focus group/workshop). Members of the steering team are invited to attend a

8:30 am meeting on Friday, May 1st at Jane Berry's office to help identify participants for these work session. For those who can not attend, they are asked to send suggestions via email to Jane Berry. The session on May 21st will last 4 hours, starting promptly at 6:00 pm. Registration at 5:30 pm. Individuals who participate will receive a packet of information to prepare for the meeting. The topics selected are (1) Housing and historic preservation, (2) Greenbelt, and (3) Village Center. Steering team members will have to choose a topic, work with the guests, and produce at the end of the session a set of recommendations. The entire steering committee will meet again at another date to revise the entire set of recommendations. Tentatively, Jason Covalcine and David Moore will join the Greenbelt group. Dave Adams and Camille Nasbe, the Housing group; and Glenn Drees and Ann Krebs the Village Center group. The rest of the group still have to think about it.

- In the next couple of weeks, HCRPC staff will work with a group crafting a draft on “Open Spaces, Parks and Recreation Recommendations” to serve as an example for the rest of the group.
- Next meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 21 at at the Community Building.

Attachment

Working Documents for Review of Steering Committee 4/28/2009