

Stafford Vision Committee Meeting
January 14, 2008

Members Present: Scott Richmond, Herb Koss, Sally Ellis, Mike Stewart, Ann , David Halseth, Dave Cole
Guests: Amy Cleary of CCDRC, Aaron Abram of MIG

Purpose of this meeting is to get MIG and the Vision Committee back on track with Phase I activities.

Aaron opened the meeting by reviewing MIG's steps to arrange stakeholder interviews:

- Determined questions to ask
- Came up with a list of 6 stakeholders with the help of vision committee members
- Committee came up with a few additional names
- Aaron began to schedule stakeholder interviews
- MIG wanted to offer confidentiality to the stakeholders, but the vision committee had resistance to that plan. Aaron cancelled the scheduled interviews until the committee and MIG could regroup.
- Aaron's goal with the stakeholders includes:
 - Get good information from stakeholders
 - Get the Stafford Hamlet message out
 - Plant the seed for future funding support from stakeholders

Aaron and Scott talked on the phone in late December to clear up the confidentiality issue. Scott was supportive of MIG's plan, and agreed to distribute a summary of their phone conversation to put the issues to rest with the Vision Committee members. Scott inadvertently forgot to send the message out, and did so three weeks later. By then, committee members were disillusioned with MIG for not listening to their concerns. Mike was concerned that Aaron didn't want to take members into the stakeholder meetings. Hamlet members had past experience with talking to elected officials and city representatives. Once MIG heard that the Vision Committee was unhappy with the plan, they put interviews on hold until this group could meet to come up with a workable plan.

Since then, the Board met and received input on this topic from visitors to their meeting. David mentioned that Syd from the City of Lake Oswego said he didn't think staff or elected officials would feel

comfortable signing a confidentiality agreement, and it might be more worthwhile to talk directly to the city councils. Aaron clarified that the MIG interviewers would pledge confidentiality so the speakers would feel free to share information, and would not be identified in MIG's summary of interviews.

This group wants to know what information is coming from whom so they can strategize. Aaron asked again who they should be interviewing. The group discussed other ways of generating information from surrounding stakeholder areas. Mike suggested sending a letter out to stakeholders to inform them, and go ahead with the neighborhood meetings. Aaron would rather contact stakeholders now and not later to make sure that they have Stafford on their radar. Sally confirmed that she thinks the stakeholders are paying attention to Stafford because they are consistently showing up to the Board meetings. Scott agreed that they are paying attention, but asked if they "have a relationship"?

The group agreed that vision committee members could do the interviews themselves with MIG's help, and arrange to talk to city planners and politicians. They discussed creating a small group of delegates to who would represent both sides of the development issue. The group identified David Coles, Molly, and either Scott or Mike as delegates. MIG will help by creating talking points. The delegates will collect information and feed it back to the group for consideration. Stakeholders will include mayors, city managers, and planning directors of West Linn, Tualatin, and Lake Oswego, along with county commissioners and the county planning director.

Aaron and Laurie of MIG will create a schedule with windows to hold open for making appointments with stakeholders. The group prioritized the three cities first, and then will decide who next. Aaron will write up a plan of action. The Vision Committee will create teams to visit stakeholders. Aaron's plan will also include bulleted talking points, saying that Stafford is united and is creating a vision, Stafford Hamlet wants to work together with other stakeholders, making community based decisions which will require their help. The team of delegates will need to keep track of notes, dates of meetings, and who was present at the stakeholder meetings.

Communication Plan for the Vision Committee and MIG:

The group discussed fundraising, which is ongoing and includes applying for various grants. Ann is working on the applications with help from the county.

Six weeks from now:

- Stakeholders Meetings and Small Group Work Plan complete
- MIG will generate an outreach plan for Phase II and III and get feedback from Stafford
- Phase I should be complete in 6 weeks

Notes respectfully submitted:

Amy Cleary, CCDRC

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