

Stafford Hamlet Board Meeting 6/26/07

Scott Richmond presented a proposal to reach out to the Hamlet Community through a process of holding community meetings in 10 neighborhoods in the Hamlet as a means of determining the Hamlets vision. The intent would be for each of these neighborhoods to express their vision for their neighborhoods and then join each of these visions together. This would potentially create a good starting point for the conceptual plan.

Scott stressed that we're not actually in a planning process but a holistic Visioning process for Stafford.

Scott recommended that we start with the Shadow Woods & Mossy Brae neighborhoods and solicit Walt & Jackie gamble to help facilitate the community gathering. There was a suggestion that all 10 neighborhood meetings be held in a semi contiguous time frame, potentially with a Town Hall meeting as an announced kick off of the neighborhood meeting process. Discussion occurred suggesting that holding these neighborhood meetings in a contiguous time frame could move the conceptual plan forward more expeditiously.

It was suggested that we recruit neighborhood leaders to help facilitate the meetings hopefully this will also encourage more involvement in the Hamlet. There was optimism expressed that these neighborhoods might communicate with each other about their visions.

It was anticipated that we might end up with several different visions for the Hamlet and these differing visions could be a good foundation for moving the process forward. After we have these neighborhood vision meetings it was suggested that we then ask for goal 5 input (use of the overlays was also suggested).

It was suggested that we start to communicate with each of these neighborhoods through e-mails and phone calls to alert them to the process of these neighborhood visions (most likely there would be some communication adjustment/modification in each neighborhood as deemed necessary).

There was discussion about utilizing a professional consultant to aid in the information gathering process. The question was asked 'where do we get the funds'. One Board Member suggested that we could have these community meetings without a professional consultant.

Motion made by David Coles to adopt the 10 neighborhood visioning process, seconded by Molly Ellis. Unanimously approved.

Molly Ellis motioned to accept Scott Richmond's proposal to delay the decision on an RFP to find a consultant for 3 months, seconded by John Kuhl. Unanimously approved.

Discussion occurred regarding who is going to define the process for compiling the vision of the neighborhoods and ultimately the conceptual plan. It was suggested that the process has already been defined in the timeline prepared by Rob Fallow.

Elizabeth Normand stated that OCP can help us create a process for getting the community vision and that should/will minimize conflict.

Scott Richmond asked if it was rational for the conceptual plan process to come up with several visions for the Stafford hamlet.

Amy Cleary suggested that we design the process so that we ultimately come up with a decision on the conceptual plan.

Bill Markt – Fundraising - reported on 3 potential fundraising events.

- 1) 9/22/07 wine fundraising event at Oswego Hills
- 2) no date yet but a golf event is being considered/planned
- 3) Bill Miller (member of Hamlet) is going to sponsor a book creation competition, possibly on forming a government or on the History of Stafford

John Kuhl – Treasurer –

\$2,812 in Friends of Stafford account

\$100 in trust account

\$540 in County petty cash account

Carol Yamada requested that \$515 be approved to pay back Sally Quimby for survey costs (paid out of Sally's pocket). Approved

Carol Yamada reported that about 200 surveys had been returned so far. Some discussion occurred regarding the controversy of how the survey came about and how it will be distributed. It will not be submitted to the press as a story. Raw data will be put on the web-site. It was discussed that once we go that public, where it's published will be beyond our control.

Additional controversial discussion occurred about the survey. It was suggested by Elizabeth Normand that in a perfect world we would have waited on this survey until we had defined, with OCP's assistance, the entire conceptual plan/visioning process.

The Board determined that we should have a Board retreat that will focus creating effective communication & cooperation skills and set July 14<sup>th</sup> as a tentative date.