Public Presentation

Summary Notes

January 26th, 2019

2PM-3.30PM

VILLAGE HALL

MEETING CALLED BY	Philmont Beautification, Inc. and Working Group
ATTENDEES	71

Agenda topics

PRESENTATION Project Management

I Unpacking the plan (Sally Baker, PBI)

Plan Steps and funding the plan timeline

15 minute presentation outlining the three step process of the Brownfield Opportunity Area program. Presentation focused on unpacking the basic concepts, vision, goals, and objectives of the Summit Lake and Its Watercourse BOA Step 2 study by asking "How did we get here", "What have we done", "Where are we going" and "How do we get there."

PRESENTATION | Working Group

II Working Group Overview (Julia Sedlock)

Sub-areas as neighborhood catalyst and community contribution

20 minute presentation outlining the five Sub-areas in the Summit Lake and Its Watercourse BOA Step 2 study and how each Subarea corresponds to the Framework plan for the BOA area and provides community members the opportunity to become involved in the next step of the BOA process to produce a BOA Step 3 implementation plan by joining one of the five Sub-area Working Groups. A brief outline of each Sub-area was provided highlighting various selected sites targeted for redevelopment as catalyst projects for neighborhood revitalization.

PRESENTATION

Working Group

III Working Group 1 (Mark Rowntree)

Summit Lake Restoration & Recreation Area

20 minute presentation focused on Sub-area 1 and how community members can become involved in this Working Group and what to expect in terms of scope of work for Sub-area 1 which concentrates on the restoration of Summit Lake, the watershed, and revitalization for the Community Center, waterfront, and the playground park on Lake Drive. The presentation listed the recommendations for Sub-area 1 and gave examples of how these can be developed into actionable objectives.

PRESENTATION

Working Group

IV Working Group 2 (Michael Seserman)

Heritage Overlay Development

20 minute presentation introduced the concept of how Sub-area 2 offers the opportunity to create a historic overlay for the BOA planning process by incorporating several historic artifact remnants of a complex watercourse of canals and holding ponds that run through the village formerly supplying hydro power to 7 industrial wool and paper mills. The presentation gave examples of scope of work items for a Sub-area 2 Working Group to consider, including creating a Historic Mill District.

DISCUSSION

Question & Answer session

Community Conversation

30 minute Q&A

Questions were asked by attendees concerning:

- The need for village zoning revisions
- How revitalization planning for public land affects private property
- What contact, if any, has been made with the owner of Summit Mill

A handout sheet was handed out by the newly formed High Falls Property Owners Association regarding the intention of the Village of Philmont to publish a RFP aimed at redevelopment of the Canal Street Mill located in Sub-area 2.

TAKEAWAYS

Working Group discussed at 2/2/19 meeting in preparation for 2/16/19 community presentation

Key Takeaways:

Sally Baker - PBI, Project Management / Admin

- 1) Important to address additional community outreach for Working Groups buy-in to increase the Step 2 aggregate of 8% community participation to increase to 20% community participation for the Step 3 process. It would good to have a pop-up tent day (one tent for each sub-area with refreshments in May to take the Working Groups to the neighbors and continue outreach to the community to join a Working Group.)
- 2) Need to consider the intended RFP for the Canal Street Warehouse in relation to the Community Participation Plan for BOA Step 3 and the formation of the Working Group for Sub-area 2.
- 3) Provide a sense of the funding process in the upcoming February 16th Village Hall presentation, and how that will work in response to translating Working Group deliverables into funding. i.e. provide examples of how funding projects overall will reflect how each Sub-area project will contribute to growing the local economy through the job retention/creation economic development strategy.

Julia Sedlock - Working Group Sub-area 1

- 4) We need to consider zoning, and strategy for addressing conflicts (on a case by case basis, or as a major overhaul)
- 5) It will be important to continue to emphasize urgency of lake, and develop some kind of priority list or critical path in order to keep the group as a whole focused on specific elements of plan that need attention sooner than later
- 6) We need an open, transparent conversation about the relationship between private and public space. I know that there will be many differences of opinion, and it won't be an easy conversation, but from my perspective it feels important to try to develop some kind of shared understanding about what it means to live in a village of this scale and density, in close proximity to one another, to non-residential program, and to public land.

NEXT EVENT

Philmont Beautification, Inc., and Working Group

Announced at the presentation

 Defining the Working Groups February 16th, – Village Hall 2PM – 3-30PM







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