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Meeting Minutes - Approved

UNIVERSITY HILL FARMS AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 26, 2013 | **7:00 PM** | **Covenant Presbyterian Church 326 South Segoe Road**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 -
Joseph R. Keyes; Jaclyn D. Lawton; Thomas R. Favour; Christopher P. Klein and Brian W. Ohm

Absent: 2 -
Jonathan W. Hoffman and Thomas Mooney

Governmental Staff/Consultants: Melissa Huggins, Urban Assets; Jule Stroick and Milena Bernardinello, Planning Division

Others Present: - Mary Gillham, neighborhood resident.

A meeting of the **University Hill Farms Ad Hoc Steering Committee** was held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 326 South Segoe Road.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVAL OF August 22, 2013 MINUTES

A motion was made by Keyes, seconded by Lawton, to Approve the August 22, 2013 Minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Gillham, 625 Segoe Road, spoke about neighborhood concerns: 1) Vehicular speeding on Segoe Road; 2) Pedestrian difficultly crossing Segoe Road @ Sawyer (post office) due to speeding and failing to yield to pedestrians; 3) Overcrowding of Metro Transit Buses; 4) Potential increase in population density with new development in the Sheboygan Avenue area; 5) vehicular turning issues at the WDOT parking lot in which employees turn southbound on Segoe, complete a U-Turn, and then head north bound on Segoe Road to access University Avenue.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. 29906 Updates

Two stakeholder interviews were have been scheduled for October 2: 1) Glenn Stephens Principal and 2) West Senior Center Program Coordinator. We will be setting up a meeting with multifamily property owners in the near future.

A meeting with the Van Hise and Hamilton School Principals and Van Hise PTO President

took place on September 19. Major issues discussed included:

Traffic
1. Explore options to remove buses from street (either on Waukesha or Segoe Road)
2. Clear separation of pedestrians and vehicles in parking lots

Building Function
1. Prominent entrance to Elementary and Middle schools
2. Internal use of space/overcrowding
3. Frequent turnover of custodian staff

Playground and Open Space
1. Improve playground
2. Outdoor education space
3. Proactive plan for Emerald Ash loss
4. Other creative ideas for landscaping on Waukesha and Segoe

Another issue raised by a steering committee member was the speed of traffic on Segoe Road and lack of crossing guard on Segoe. The neighborhood has several “walking school buses” which parents take turns walking elementary children to school safely. With the current and projected traffic increases on Segoe it is becoming less safe for children. Another issue that the Van Hise PTO has raised is the concern that increase in new residential development will contribute to increased school enrollment where space for new students is a growing issue.

2. **29905** Plan Development

Melissa Huggins presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the results of the September 18 Open House. Steering committee commented/suggested that traffic issues are a large concern. A composite map of “public infrastructure” improvements were shown to steering committee members. Responses included that the Plan should address 1) Segoe @ Sawyer intersection as a “protective” crossing due to the high population of seniors in the area; 2) Commuter parking issue near Rennebohm Park on Eau Claire and Regent, including exploring if using the parking lot of the Swim Club during winter season might be a solution for part of the year; 3) pedestrian crossing on Regent @ Eau Claire; 4) street lighting on Marathon and Sheboygan and South Hill; and 5) cut thru traffic on Merlham; and 6) flooding on Eau Claire @ Regent.

Steering committee members commented that they should review the data and preliminary recommendations from the Near Westside Neighborhoods and University Avenue Traffic Study.

Steering Committee members started to discuss their priorities for the Plan.

Opportunities
1) Site for community/senior center
2) DOT site
3) Broaden the array of renters/businesses/organizations connection with the neighborhood. Explore other structures which could solidify involvement.

Redevelopment
4) Triangle area (Whitney Way-Old Middleton-University Avenue)
5) Vernon-Price area, including Mormon Church (there is a shared parking agreement with the church and Associated Physicians). ADA parking
6) Segoe Road -Sawyer area (Post Office, NFP, Parking)
7) Redevelop older office buildings at Mineral Point/Whitney Way
8) DOT redevelopment and implications of traffic. Investigate ways to divert vehicular traffic out of the neighborhood (N Whitney and University) rather than Sheboygan or other neighborhood streets.

Pedestrian/Traffic Improvements
9) Northwest corner of Mineral Point and south of Whitney Way (install right turn lane onto Mineral Point)

10) Pedestrian Crossing at Regent/Eau Claire, Racine/Mineral Point, Whitney Way/South Hill, and Bayfield-mid-block crossing
11) Underpass @ University

Park and Open Space
12) Maintain the northeast strip of open space owned by UW Research Park, especially the boulder
13) Community gardens
14) Park benches/tables

Stormwater Management
15) Address areas in neighborhood with flooding issues

Schools
16) Overcrowding of schools

Other Priorities
Traffic improvement and control
Traffic calming on neighborhood streets
How to deal with new traffic from new development
How to protect residential core
Streets (Regent) width creates perception that speeding is okay
Need updated traffic plan that includes DOT, University Ave., Triangle
Parking Management (commuters, future DOT, redevelopment sites)
Storm sewers capacity
Rennebohm as festival ground to bring neighborhood together

Tom Favour provided his list of priority issues for other steering committee members to review. His list included:

Triangle (Taco Bell)
Vernon Blvd. area including Mormon Church
Associated Physicians okay-needs disabled parking
Segoe Road-Post Office to Heather Crest
Sites for new Community Center or Senior Citizens Center
Ways to get renters and properties owners to interact
Northwest corner of Mineral Point/Whitney Way
Right turn lane-Whitney onto Mineral Pt.
Pedestrian crossings
Regent to Eau Claire
Mineral Pt. at Racine
Whitney Way at South Hill
Pedestrian crossing on Bayfield-and signage
On street parking as park/ride-by pool
Stormwater management
Impacts of HFSOB redevelopment
Traffic impacts at Old Middleton Rd. and Whitney Way
Direct street to University Ave.
Schools - traffic - crosswalks - other
Community Gardens
Parks - benches - lighting paths

Next Agenda

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 24 @ 7:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 326 South Segoe Road.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Lawton, seconded by Klein, to Adjourn at 9:05 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.