

Master Plan Steering Committee

2/16/16

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Present: Eileen Skowronski, Abigail Carman, David Putnam, Bill Carpenter, Deb Matheu, Rick Wahrlich, Jim Feleen, Melissa Richmond, Andy LaFreniere, Marilyn Harris, Nick Koloski

Absent: Ernest Montenegro

Motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion made by Abigail. Seconded by Rick. January minutes should be changed to reflect that Eileen was present and Abigail's last name was spelled wrong. Unanimous with changes. Bill, Marilyn and Deb abstained.

The Committee discussed the Community Forum and the eight separate interactive sessions for the public. The large group will do keypad polling that is vision oriented. The interactive groups will be Vision, Natural & Historic Resources, Housing, Energy, Economic Development, Land Use, Parks & Recreation and Transportation. 5:30-6:00 there will be a light dinner with the program beginning at 6:00. The Committee suggested contacting CCTV to cover the opening large group session.

The Committee recommended that the flyer for the forum be sent to members of the committee to post on their lists, the city eblast, school, CTS, senior housing and perhaps the community center list. Deb and Bill suggested that as part of the presentation it was important to let people know what was accomplished from the current Master Plan.

The Committee reviewed the draft Master Plan survey and made a number of changes to clarify questions. There was a discussion on neighborhood plans, adding some parks specific question, and distinguishing biking from walking as two separate questions. The committee wanted clarification on safety as it related to conditions of walking surfaces versus criminal activity. Nick also recommended adding some questions on technology, specifically wifi access and broadband availability. How do you receive your news from the city?

David asked the committee how they address the issue of poverty as it relates to future goals. There was discussion about incorporating the issue into different chapters and adding a few questions on the survey that would be part of the community discussion. There was a consensus from the committee to include two questions relating to poverty on the survey.

Motion to adjourn made by Deb, seconded by Andy. Unanimous.