

## Meeting Notes - Hyde Park - 07/09/18

### Present:

- Jim Fontaine
- Paul Trudell
- Senator Susan Bartlett
- Ken McPherson
- Ron Rodjenski
- Tom O'Toole
- Richard Amore, ACCD
- Jackie Cassino, VTrans
- Lucy Gibson
- Chris Sargent

### Ron asked what the process would be for meetings - who would handle minutes, etc?

- D&K will handle meeting minutes and summaries.
- For administrative meetings, the Committee can meet during the day (but still make meetings open to the public)
- Key community meetings should take place in the evening or on a weekend.

### Lucy asked each attendee to describe what they wanted to see as the outcome of this project.

- **RR** - At the end of the project Ron wants an implementation plan that will show residents what exactly what can/will be done.
- **KM** - Ken wants the process to be a resident-drive, reality constrained process that involves the whole town (not just the Village). He envisions that this process would inform and drive where the town would like to go. He would like an almost formal approach to evaluating scenarios for what the town wants to be in the future. Could Hyde Park, for example, be a retirement community? Or a professional community?
- **SB** - Would like to see the Village and Town working as a whole. She feels that the "Town of Hyde Park" is ready to work with the Village.
- **PT** - He wants a plan that gives direction in written, or more importantly graphic form so people can easily see and understand it.
- **JF** - Wants an action plan that is realistic, doable, and motivates the community to get going on implementation.

- **JC** - Jackie wants Hyde Park to have a clear action plan and road map to implementation
- **RA** - Richard wants to see a community-driven process with broad support that involves local leaders.
- **TO** - Wants to have safe roads and access to community hubs. He wants people in the village to be able to walk safely from their homes. He is concerned not just about physical safety, but also mental health (as it relates to the village's transportation and circulation issues).

### **The Components of the scope were discussed:**

**Next meeting** - Rachel and Richard [last name?] need to communicate about economic development. The next meeting should involve the two of them and the Working Group to determine when the intercept surveys and focus group discussions should occur. Rachel needs to decide what the best way to collect the information is - is an intercept survey the optimal way of collecting data?

**Intercept Survey** - To be focused on what would bring individuals into/or keep them in Hyde Park. Possible locations for surveys could include the Library, nearby trailhead locations (Morrisville, for example), Green River Reservoir. Find out where they are going pre/post trail use. Intercept survey is largely aimed at visitors to the community. Richard suggested the Mad River Survey may be a good balance between trail focus and economic focused survey.

**Other survey** - May want to survey parents of schoolchildren about public safety. May want to survey trail using businesses. Could consider doing an online survey that is varied based on residency. Could use electrical bills to distribute survey or a link to an online survey.

**Focus Groups** - Aimed more at the local population. May be more effective at getting useful information about things like pedestrian/bike safety or how businesses interact with trail users. Note that Ken volunteered to form local "panels" to discuss some key issues, some of these people might be asked to participate in specific focus groups. Richard suggested using a similar format for focus groups as VDAT - an all day session where every hour there is a new focus group. Focus groups should talk about what residents need in the village/town. Might want to include the Supervisory Union as part of any access discussions - they have land that might make a good alternative location to improve safety for school children.

**Public Engagement Date:** Hyde Park's "Home Day" might be an optimal time to have a public engagement event - September, 15, 2016

**Project Title** - Chris asked the Committee to come up with a title for the Project for marketing purposes. It was settled on Connect Hyde Park or Hyde Park Connect. Chris will work with webmaster to come up with urls. D&K will generate some "tag lines" to add to the project's title.