

Salem Town Vision Survey Committee

Minutes for Meeting of February 11, 2009

Present: Frank Abetti, Richard Asafaylo, Cheryle Cassidy, Shirley Diamond, Carole Eckart, Janet Griggs, Len Giambra, Tom Woronik. Absent: Diane Weston, Sam Rindell

J. Griggs opened the Meeting at 7:18 PM.

There were no public comments.

Agenda was discussed. There were no additions to the Agenda.

Minutes of 1/14/09 meeting were discussed. There were no changes.

Minutes M/S/A Cheryle Cassidy/Shirley Diamond

Janet provided the following updates:

- a) Janet sat in on the Wed, Feb 11 POCD Committee kick off meeting, and stressed that the two committees would be working together to solicit feedback from town groups/organizations and by means of a formal survey that the POCD Committee would be funding.
- b) Janet announced she would not be able to attend the Wed, Mar 11 meeting and solicited a volunteer to chair the meeting. Tom Woronik graciously accepted.
- c) Bob Ross had expressed an interest in attending the meeting, but could not make it. He will be attending a future meeting.
- d) Jeff Standish may have to bow out, as he has work commitments that conflict with these meetings.

Carole Eckart summarized agreements/decisions reached at the preceding meeting, i.e., not every team would solicit input from every town group/organization; and not every team would write questions addressing every topic. It was also noted that the group had not reached a decision concerning the data collection strategy, i.e., either presenting a "model" vision, or presenting a series of questions, to the various town groups/organizations.

Three group activities/discussions took place from 7:28 to 8:57 PM.

Activity # 1: The group members present affixed 2 green (representing interest) and 2 pink (representing expertise) post it notes next to Vision topics of their choice. Absent members were assigned Vision topics. The output is documented in Attachment A.

Activity # 2: The group reviewed the many town organizations/groups identified at the 10/08/2008 Vision Committee meeting, and grouped them into 10 larger categories, consisting of 3-5 town groups/organizations each. Next, the group members present affixed 2 green (representing interest) and 2 pink (representing expertise) post it notes next to the town groups/organizations of their choice. Absent members were groups. The output is documented in Attachment B.

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Activity # 3: The question of what (draft vision or questions?) should be brought to the town groups/organizations was again discussed.

After 15 minutes of discussion, Carole proposed that one team come up with material to take to a town group/organization, and suggested that those who had chosen the "Quality of Life" topic attempt to develop either a draft vision statement, or a series of questions, to see which worked best, and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

The merits of this proposal were discussed and it was suggested that rather than have a team, or teams, work offline on this activity, the entire team should spend the rest of the time brainstorming a draft vision statement together. Several of the longer (2-3 pages) model Town Visions collected by Cheryle were chosen as a model. This activity took place in the remaining 15 minutes and resulted in a series of statements jotted down on a whiteboard, to be reviewed and completed at the next meeting. The group resolved to continue this activity, and develop a draft Vision, one topic at a time, over the next few meetings.

M/S/A Cheryl Cassidy/Shirley Diamond to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

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Attachment A

ALLOCATION OF SECTIONS (if they are needed - completed 2-11-09)						
Business	Frank		Len			Sam
Quality of Life	Frank		Len		Shirley	Diane
Land Use	Frank			Tom		Diane
Natural Resources	Frank			Tom	Shirley	
Educational Opportunities	Cheryle	Janet	Len			Sam
Financial	Cheryle	Janet	Len			
Growth	Cheryle			Tom		
Regionalism	Cheryle				Shirley	
Government		Janet				Sam
Infrastructure		Janet		Tom	Shirley	

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Attachment B

ALLOCATION OF GROUPS FOR DATA COLLECTIONS (if they are needed - completed 2-11-09)							
1	P & Z	Frank				Shirley	Sam
1	Wetlands	Frank				Shirley	Sam
1	Land Trust	Frank				Shirley	Sam
1	DEP	Frank				Shirley	Sam
1	Gardner Lake Authority	Frank				Shirley	Sam
2	Route 11	Frank	Janet		Tom		
2	EDC	Frank	Janet		Tom		
2	Business People	Frank	Janet		Tom		
2	Town Center Ctm	Frank	Janet		Tom		
2	Horse Farm Assoc	Frank	Janet		Tom		
3	Baseball League	Cheryle				Shirley	Diane
3	Soccer League	Cheryle				Shirley	Diane
3	Recreation Ctm	Cheryle				Shirley	Diane
3	Sportmen (Propbusters)	Cheryle				Shirley	Diane
3	Campers	Cheryle				Shirley	Diane
4	Democratic Town Ctm	Cheryle	Janet	Len		Shirley	
4	Republican Town Ctm	Cheryle	Janet	Len		Shirley	
4	Teacher's Union	Cheryle	Janet	Len		Shirley	
4	PTOF	Cheryle	Janet	Len		Shirley	
5	Property Owners				Tom		Sam
5	Condo Associations				Tom		Sam
6	BOE	Frank	Janet		Tom		Sam
6	BOF	Frank	Janet		Tom		Sam
6	BOS	Frank	Janet		Tom		Sam
6	Fire Departments (2)	Frank	Janet		Tom		Sam
7	Friends of the Library	Cheryle		Len		Shirley	
7	Music Groups	Cheryle		Len		Shirley	
7	Historical Society	Cheryle		Len		Shirley	
8	Firemen		Janet		Tom		Diane
8	Town Office Employees		Janet		Tom		Diane
8	Public Works Employees		Janet		Tom		Diane
8	Library Staff		Janet		Tom		Diane
8	Others?		Janet		Tom		Diane
9	Youth Groups	Cheryle		Len			Diane
9	Boy Scouts	Cheryle		Len			Diane
9	Girl Scouts	Cheryle		Len			Diane
9	Parents of Children	Cheryle		Len			Diane
9	Daycare - providers & parents	Cheryle		Len			Diane
10	Lions	Frank		Len			Diane
10	Churches/Church Groups	Frank		Len			Diane
10	Disabled	Frank		Len			Diane
10	New people without children	Frank		Len			Diane
10	Sr. Citizens	Frank		Len			Diane