

Minutes from Downtown 2020 Committee Meeting April 3, 2012; Room # 309 at 8:30 AM

In Attendance: Lou Gagliano (chair), Gerry Kagan, Craig Rebecca Schiavone, and Valerie Smith Malin

Absent: Dan Kail, Bob Jacobs and Jeff Mayer

Summary of Minutes

1. Minutes of previous meeting of 3/27/12 approved without changes.
2. Review of previous weeks meeting with RTM Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee. It was agreed that the meeting was positive. E-mail received from Jonathan Cunitz stating that he felt he “enjoyed the presentation and had a better understanding of how our group intends to proceed”. He is considering having a liaison appointed to attend our meetings. The Committee agreed with such a liaison role and will continue to work with the RTM LRP group as we proceed.
3. Confirmed that the date of the meeting with the P&Z as 4/26 at 8:00 PM. We would follow the work items on the agenda and be in the public session portion. It was agreed that our presentation should concentrate on the need to work cooperatively in moving towards consensus building around the priorities for the downtown and development of a Master Plan of Development. Don Bergmann (DB) a member of the public suggested that we develop a list of what we believed the previous plans set as downtown priorities and that we share in terms of importance. Committee members agreed with this approach. Chairman drafted a chart on the chalkboard of the meeting room showing the path of our work this year and related interaction with the P&Z. Chairman will reduce this diagram to a draft for our next meeting. DB suggested we contact Matt Mandell who is the RTM Chairman of the RTM P&Z Committee.

4. Reviewed the agenda item dealing with the listing of key stakeholders that the Committee intends to meet with either individually or as part of public meeting process. Chairman reviewed with the Committee those groups that have already been contacted or meet with. Follow up discussions will take place at our next meeting as to how to integrate these groups into our process. Some of the groups such as the Wise Men will be contacted to seek a place within their speakers' schedule. Committee members agreed to think about how to effectively reach and meet these groups.

5. It was the Committee's consensus not to use the Logo.

6. Follow up discussions covered the Historic District application for a grant related to the creation of a Village District, which may in part effect a portion of the downtown area. Valerie agreed to follow up to see if this might be an area for our Committee to become involved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM