

Minutes from Downtown 2020 Committee Meeting April 10, 2012

Room # 309 at 8:30 AM

In Attendance: Lou Gagliano (chair), and Bob Jacobs

Absent: Dan Kail, Gerry Kagan, Criag Rebecca Schiavone, Valerie Smith Mailn and Jeff Mayer

Summary of Minutes

1. Minutes of previous meeting of 4/3/12 approved without changes.
2. Chairman moved agenda item concerning the Westport Historic District (HDC) Grant to the top of the schedule. He asked Carol Leahy HDC Staff Administrator to briefly explain their grant process, what the Village District concept entailed, and how it would affect the downtown area. Discussions took place between the Committee and members of the public in attendance. The Chair moved on the Committee's behalf to review whether the Committee would write a letter in support of the Grant, and that this matter would be moved on quickly given the timing of submission of the Grant application.
3. Committee moved to the discussion of the presentation to the P&Z slated for our end of the month (4/26). Chairman handed out to the public members in attendance and to the member of the Committee copies of the Key Vision Items for Downtown Priorities and the revised Diagram of the Downtown Process showing interaction with the community and elected bodies. Input was received from the members of the public in terms of the handouts. In particular comments were received from Dewey Loselle (RTM Long Range Planning Committee observer), Don Bergmann and former P&Z member Ellie Lowenstein. Both documents and further work on the presentation for the P&Z were noted and will follow in subsequent meetings.

4. Don Bergmann presented a letter to the Committee listing certain suggestions concerning planning issues for the group to consider. Chairman will provide copies to Committee members for consideration in our process.

5. Brief discussion occurred in terms of the Stakeholders list of groups to be contacted in order to seek such group's input. Chairman informed Committee about his upcoming meeting with Sue Pfister Director of the Senior Center and Kevin Godburn of Toquet Hall to take place this afternoon. Also, contact is in process with members of Save Westport Now. More planning around effecting contact with these groups is reserved for future meetings of the group.

6. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.