

Minutes from Downtown 2020 Committee Meeting May 22, 2012
Room # 309 at 8:30 AM

In Attendance: Lou Gagliano (chair), Craig Rebecca Shaivone, Bob Jacobs and Valerie Smith Malin

Absent: Dan Kail, Gerry Kagan and Jeff Mayer

Summary of Minutes

1. Minutes from the prior meeting were approved without any change.
2. Chair provided thoughts on Terrain parking and arterial traffic issues noted in certain news stories as a way of indicating the importance of traffic planning related to the downtown efforts.
3. Library Director Maxine Blieweis and Arlo Ellison Library Board Member made presentation to the Committee as to its plans of development for the Library. The plans call for continued evolution of the facility in terms of a learning and community center. Presentation included drawings and pictures showing the new space. Timeline for the project is 2014-2016. During the two-year period Library will position its program and collection offerings in a number of locations within the Community. Group discussions as to parking, traffic and access flows. Clearly the project was **WELL** received by the Committee, and will be supported by our efforts. Committee needs to work with the Library in terms of the integration into our efforts, and specifically the traffic/parking consequences. **COMMITTEE WILL TREAT HANDOUTS AS CONFIDENTIAL AT THE REQUEST OF THE LIBRARY!**
4. Committee briefly reviewed the issue of river dredging. While the group was supportive of the need, the Committee will not specifically take up this issue. Dewey Losselle (DL) member of the public in attendance and a member of the RTM agreed to steer the efforts in the interim. Chair to provide information to DL concerning consultant whose details he obtained through discussions with the Conservation Department.

5. Discussion of ongoing planning targeted to moving our efforts forward in terms of a Master Plan of Development. Clearly we need to move this forward as soon as possible. Meeting with Pat Pinnell a potential consultant who could be a candidate to direct the preparation and process for a Master Plan of Development, meeting re-scheduled for May 24 at 8:30 AM room 309. Craig Schiavone suggested wherever possible we refer to the effort as a **Master Plan of Implementation** (MPI) to emphasize that we intend to execute the planning priorities. Suggested that we should consider site trips to communities that are or have gone through similar efforts. Efforts in future meetings will focus on the specifics of this timeline for the MPI.

6. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.