North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Task Force
MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 11, 2012
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: New Center- Huron River Watershed Council Office, 2nd Floor, 1100 North Main

Attendees: Task Force Members present- 13; David Santacroce, Connie Brown, Cynthia Ives, Tamara Burns, Michael Martin, Darren McKinnon, Elizabeth Riggs, Rita Combest, Julie Grand, Bonnie Bona, Paul Ganz, Ray Detter, Sandi Smith
Task Force Members absent- 0
Staff present- 3; Connie Pulcipher, Kayla Coleman, Sumedh Bahl
Public present- 2; Sabra Briere, Larry Deck

Re: Task Force Kick-off Meeting

1) Introductions (Councilmember Smith and S. Bahl, C. Pulcipher)
   - Sumedh Bahl is the staff liaison to the taskforce. Sumedh is available to answer questions and provide technical expertise (e.g. on the topics of land use and zoning).
   - Connie Pulcipher will lead the 721 N Main project.
   - City staff will generally not be present for the North Main Huron River Corridor Vision Taskforce meetings.

2) Project Definition
   a) May 31, 2012 Resolution
      - Project planning guide materials were presented; the taskforce may work from and add to these documents as they get started with project planning.
      - The North Main project area has been defined but there are other areas of influence. We don’t need to be ‘boxed’ in to strict boundaries.
   c) 721 N. Main Schedule
      - The 721 N Main site may be a candidate for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Trust Fund Grant. There is an accelerated schedule for the 721 N Main planning separate from the rest of North Main in order to meet grant application deadlines.
      - Concern for whether a DNR Trust Fund grant is the best option for 721 N Main. It was acknowledged that we will investigate other grant opportunities to see if there is something else that we should consider instead of, or in addition to, the DNR Trust Fund.
      - The taskforce expressed interest in touring 721 N Main. A site tour of the site will be included as part of the next meeting.
      - Two broad options were proposed in the Allen Creek Greenway Taskforce Report; the 721 N Main Technical Committee will use those options as their starting point to further define recommendations.
      - Environmental investigation will be conducted on the site.
      - The 721 N Main schedule includes 4 meetings to meet with the entire North Main taskforce.

3) Stakeholder Involvement

4) 721 N. Main Technical Committee Subgroup
- The 721 N Main project planning will be led by City staff as a separate “sub-group” of the North Main Huron River Corridor taskforce. The technical committee for 721 N Main will include some representatives from the taskforce and other stakeholders.
- The technical committee will be responsible for the detailed work on 721 N Main recommendations. The options developed by the technical committee will be brought back to the taskforce for their recommendation.
- Part of the North Main Huron River Corridor taskforce may be invited to serve as representatives on the 721 N Main technical committee.
- Julie Grand, Darren McKinnon and Ray Detter expressed interest in being considered to serve on the 721 N Main technical committee. If others are interested, please contact Sumedh Bahl.
- There will be 7 technical committee meetings.

5) Housekeeping Items & Ground Rules
a) Open Meetings Act Guidelines (attached)
   - The taskforce shall comply with the open meetings act.
   - There will be a web link for the project; it is in the process of being developed. It will include a link for gov-delivery sign up (i.e. the red envelope). Taskforce meeting materials will be housed at this website.
   - Take caution not to have a discussion over email; all discussions should be conducted at official task force meetings.
   - Information from taskforce meetings can be shared with groups that you represent. You are also welcome to bring feedback from your groups to the taskforce meetings.

b) Task Force Ground Rules

c) Chair- David Santacroce
   - Secretary- this position is still open and looking for a volunteer.

d) Meeting Frequency and Time Preferences
   - 5:00pm was agreed upon as the preferred meeting time.
   - Wednesdays are preferred.
   - A preferred meeting location was not determined.
   - Meeting frequency will be at least 1x/month, and likely to be more often during the early stages.

e) Site Tour
   - 721 N Main site tours are planned for Wednesday, July 25th and Wednesday, August 1st; both starting at 5:00 pm and open to the public. The City will provide a staff person to lead the tour. Tour may include 721 N Main and the rest of the North Main corridor. A meeting place and route tour will be determined and shared with the group prior to tour dates.

f) Doodle Polls

6) Next Steps & Miscellaneous
- The taskforce will conduct a regular meeting Wednesday, August 8th at 5:00 pm.
- The taskforce may create a work plan as one of their next steps to determine the next order of business.
- Regarding North Main Reconstruction Project please contact Project Management Unit Manager Homayoon Pirooz (HPirooz@a2gov.org).
- City Council adopted a Complete Streets resolution 3/7/11 (Enactment #: R-11-088).

7) Public Comment