North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Task Force
MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 8, 2012
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: Larcom Basement Conference Room A, City Hall
Attendees: Task Force Members present - 10; David Santacroce, Connie Brown, Tamara Burns, Darren McKinnon, Rita Combest, Julie Grand, Bonnie Bona, Paul Ganz, Ray Detter, Sandi Smith
Task Force Members absent - 3; Cynthia Ives, Elizabeth Riggs, Michael Martin
Staff present - 3; Connie Pulcipher, Debra Williams, Sumedh Bahl
Public present - 1; Sabra Briere, Jeff Hayner, Alice Ralph, Peter Allen

Re: 2nd Task Force Meeting

1) Roll Call (David Santacroce); David forwarded a request from Mike to poll the group about meeting during business hours. The majority of the team agreed that 5:00 meetings work the best.

2) August 8, 2012 Agenda approved

3) Bonnie Bona appointed as Task Force Secretary

4) Discussion re site tours
   - Make sure zoning issues are addressed.
   - Vision of whether the 721 N. Main site is to be used for park land or development, or a combination of the two. Need to think about sites surrounding this site including the Community Center.
   - Make sure the team has access and verifiable data.
   - The timeline is partially driven by grant applications.
   - The 721 N. Main technology sub-group will meet around the end of August to discuss Phase I requirements/issues. The tech group will include Julie, Darren and Ray from this Task Force. Questions need to be generated for this group and good communication between the groups. Need to understand what parts of this recommendation can be flexible and with what level of specificity.
   - Please have maps for next meeting that can be posted.
   - Sumedh charged with three things relating to: find out about the gas refueling site on Summit; see if site info is available, i.e. square footage, etc.; see if Eli can attend the next meeting to discuss City and MDOT policies—perhaps an MDOT rep to attend that or a future meeting.
   - All agreed that traffic speed, lack of sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are huge issues that need to be addressed.
     o Will MDOT work with us the City regarding timing?
     o What about the existing rail crossing at Lakeshore and existing path on RR ROW along the river?
     o Can we have the same info that MDOT may have and can informing them of our vision impact their changes?
Identify the danger zones for crossing: Summit, Depot, Argo, Lakeshore, Huronview, Huron River Dr.
Think about where the park would lead, connections between parks and county trail.
Cascades should be a focal point.

5) JJR has offered to help facilitate the Task Force
   - Potential conflict of interest?
   - They are currently working on other projects for the City that could tie in to what the Task Force is charged with.
   - Need to have 100% transparency.
   - David to get a proposal and commitment from JJR regarding their intent. This to be discussed and possibly approved at the next meeting.

6) Group asked to come up with a better acronym for the task force.

7) Next meeting scheduled for 8/22 at 5:00. Same room would be ideal. (Note to David—the room is not available that day.)

8) Public Comment