North Main-Huron River Corridor Vision Task Force
MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 29, 2013
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: Huron River Watershed Council, 2nd Floor conference room

Attendees:

**Task Force Members present:** David Santacroce, Bonnie Bona, Mike Martin, Darren McKinnon, Sandi Smith, Tamara Burns, Connie Brown, Sabra Briere, Julie Grand, Ray Detter

**Task Force Members absent:** Cyndi Ives, Elizabeth Riggs, Paul Ganz

**Staff present:** Sumedh Bahl, Kayla Coleman, Cory Lavigne (Inform Studio), Amy McNamara (Inform Studio)

A. Call to Order
   Meeting called to order by David Santacroce.

B. Roll Call
C. Approval of Agenda
D. Approval of Minutes
   April 17, 2013 minutes approved.

E. 721 N. Main facility assessment presentation, Inform Studio
   Cory & Amy -- Presented results of the study. Sumedh has the report and will be posted on the website. We will discuss our options further at the next meeting.

F. Taskforce Planning: Next Steps
   • Draft Timeline Discussion (schedule handout)
     • tight schedule
     • need recommendations identified before public meeting on 6/12
     • need subcommittees to take ideas (drafts) and finish/refine them to make them more like a report with recommendations and email to David S. by 6/20
     • added a Task Force meeting on 7/17
   • Responsibility Allocation
   • Additional Taskforce Meetings

G. Subcommittee Reports & Discussion
   #1 721 N. Main:
   • present possible recommendations for existing buildings at next public meeting to get public input
   • public/community use or private use?
   • 1) tear it down, 2) use renovated shell, 3) sell for redevelopment
• consider rezoning adjacent properties that are “office” to “residential”
#2 Tunnel under railroad at Depot
• dual solution for flooding & pedestrian/bike access
#3 DTE Gas Site
• ok
#4 & #5 pedestrian/bike bridges
• ok
#6 Lakeshore Drive crossing at railroad
• keep open & improved with gates
#7 New boathouse and/or access road
• only if we lose Lakeshore access
#8 Park & ride lot/bus service to Bandemer entrance
• AATA should study options for meeting service needs (commuters & residents)
#9 widen bridge access to Bandemer
• deleted
#10 & #11 tunnel under railroad & pathway connection under M14
• ok
#12 Roundabout Multi-modal Traffic Study
• conduct a traffic study and work aggressively with MDOT to reduce traffic speed, improve pedestrian access/connections (rebuild east side & provide crosswalks) and improve bicycle access/connections along the entire length of Main Street
#13 Pedestrian crossing at Bluff’s Park
• ok (even if Lakeshore Closed)
• park & pathway improvements to improve connections to & through Bluffs Park
#14 Sidewalk on the west side of Main Street
• ok
#15 bridge over Main Street & railroad
• ok
#16 Main/Depot
• ok

Tamara -- went presented an outline of graphics for the final report (will be provided by intern at SGJJR)

H. Items from Taskforce Members
none.

I. Communications Received
none.

J. Public Commentary (3 minutes per speaker)
Clark Charnetski -- fix sidewalks on Main Street, tunnel under railroad tracks at Barton, why a separate bridge to DTE Gas site when we have the dam crossing?, what will be the access to rowing facilities if Lakeshore closed, is MichCon site buildable? maybe temporary uses would be good fit, “Ann Arbor" sign on entry over bridge should be replaced, consider restoration fund for property improvements (like
Main Street facade improvements), zoning should limit obstructing views, railroad site study may affect MichCon site

Alice Ralph -- difficult to compare costs when the money comes from other sources so would like to know more about this

K. Adjournment
7:05 pm