LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 13
September 13, 2017

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

(x) Jim Sharpe, Chairman
(x) Mary West, Economic Development
(x) Pete Marston, Planning Board
(x) Diane Evans, Conservation Board
(x) Marion Fabiano, Zoning Board of Appeals
(x) Deborah Billoni, Citizen-at-Large
(x) Peter Coppola, Citizen-at-Large
(x) Judy Schmidt – Parks & Recreation Alternate
(x) Paul Leuchner, Parks & Recreation
(x) Dr. Brian Graham – Superintendent of Schools
(x) Betty Harris, Traffic Safety
(x) Martha Ludwig, Citizen-at-Large

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Birtz, Agricultural Group
Mike Madigan, Town Board

GUESTS PRESENT:

Brian Kulpa, Clark, Patterson, Lee
Melanie Anderson, Clark, Patterson, Lee
Catherine Steffan - Citizen
Patricia Covley, Library

MEMBERS excused:

(x) Beverly Kinney, Town Board
(x) Eric Fiebelkorn, GI Chamber of Commerce
(x) Sharon Osgood, Citizen-at-Large

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(x) Dan Drexelius, Citizen-at-Large

(X) Indicates voting members

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Peter / Paul to APPROVE the July 12, 2017 LRPC Draft minutes as written.

Ayes: All in favor.
Motion carried.
III. SCHEDULE NEXT PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING – MASTER PLAN

- Master Plan planning meeting at the high school on Thursday, October 19th or Tuesday, October 17th from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.
- CPL would like to meet with government classes at Grand Island High School.
- What is the desired target number of people attending the outreach meetings?
- Using social media, Island Dispatch, Isle de Grande, maybe advertise on school signs – banner at Town Commons, and Town Hall screen.

IV. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – PUBLIC KICKOFF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS / RAW DATA:

- Reviewed Past / Present / Future bullet points from last planning meeting
- Review results at your leisure

V. DRAFT SURVEY REVIEW:

- Review questions individually
- Question #2 – should read:
  “When I enter Grand Island from the 190, my first impression is…” fill in the blank
- Question #3 – apartments / condos should also include mixed use
- Question #5 – should read:
  “What types of programs / resources should there for youth – what is missing?”
- Question #7 – “What other types of programs / resources should there be for seniors / adult community”

- Listed under other:
  Arts / Culture
  Computer / tech access
  Active recreation
  Adult Ed
  Outdoor Rec
  Therapy Pool – 3’ deep
  Transportation
  Health Care Service

- Paul felt that we should include marine sales / service on the survey.
- Dr. Graham – asked if CPL is collecting demographics before they complete the survey – resident vs non-resident.
- The survey should be distributed to schools, teachers and Island businesses.
- There will be a different survey for the Community Center
- CPL will make the changes and the survey can be ready next week.
VI. **LEGO EXERCISE:**

- Density and development scenario modeling
- Large map of Grand Island taken off pictometry
- Different color Legos represent what our vision is for the property:
  - Red: Revitalize
  - Orange: New Residential
  - Yellow: New Commercial
  - Blue: Keep existing building
  - Green: Re-green/ vegetate / landscape
  - Black: Roadway
- Each block is 10'-12', if you stack two (2) of them, you get two story buildings, if you stack three (3), you get three story buildings.

VII. **Brian Kulpa, Table exercise comments on Community Center:**

- There are a couple different ways to think about how a community center can be use:
  - In the Town of West Seneca, they are using their community center as a library, so it is meant to be a walk up facility, but it is attached to a large park.

- The biggest problem we have with community centers in downtown areas is that they tend not to have a park or outdoor field access associated with them, which then puts your Recreation Department in the wrong place.

- If you are a parent and you are taking your kids to baseball or soccer or to work out, you are taking gear with you, people taking gear with them to a sporting event aren’t going to leave their house without a vehicle and carry said gear down the street to their destination. The moment the base components of a community center started to be field houses and things of that nature, the caliber started to change, so we have to change our expectations as to place.

- What does it mean to have a library that has a decreasing circulation which inevitably puts it in harm’s way if the County decides to eliminate services again? If we added anchor spaces to the existing library, would it increase its numbers? Or conversely, we could use the library as a recreation facility and relocate the library. A downtown library makes more sense.

- Right now we are trying to determine if we should keep services together in one spot or split services. Nothing says that a “maker area” has to be in the same location as a recreation facility.

- Recreation facilities are what is scoring the highest. We need to think about locker and restroom facilities as well. Perhaps place them closer to the ball fields so that more people can get use out of them.

- Should the library be moved to the plaza? There is density and parking available.

- There are seventeen (17) businesses in the plaza right now, bringing a library to a plaza brings different uses than a store would. If you are looking to service people coming from the KOA or Fantasy Island, then you need a different service in the plaza rather than a library. The question becomes “what the plaza wants to become”. Brian can foresee a Town Square out in front of the plaza, perhaps a Farmers Market location, shift some of the parking behind the facility.

- The Eastern Hills mall facility is up for sale and they are marketing it as a potential Town Center, a Lifestyle Center.
VIII. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday October 11th 7:00 pm

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Marion / Debbie to ADJOURN at 8:50 pm.

Ayes: All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline McGinty
LRPC Recording Secretary