



City of St. Marys Masterplan

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC) Meeting #4

March 3, 2016

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

St. Marys Senior Center

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

William DeLoughy
Tanya Glazebrook
Joseph Holler
Fred Mercier
Michael Rich
Elaine Powierski
Eric Landon (Proxy for Steve Howard)
Kenneth Lyons
Cyndi Birke (Ex-officio)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6 by Mike Rich. Quorum was present.

2. General announcements and updates – Mike Rich

The group discussed the current status of the survey and potential methods for getting more participation. The group discussed using one-issue, short email blasts as a means to reach more people. Mike stated that he had produced an email list of Osprey Cove residents. The City also has a list of roughly 6,000 email addresses related to the water utility accounts. Mike stated that he would coordinate with Jeff and Michelle about sending something out using the city list. There was also discussion about reaching out to some of the large groups identified for presentations, including the Home Builders Association, Kiwanis, and Realtors Association, as a means of reaching more people. It was also recommended that the MPSC members reach out to these groups to encourage their membership to attend the upcoming workshops. Eric stated that he has contacts at the homebuilders, and that they have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday of next week. Eric said he would mention the workshops that day and encourage members of the homebuilders group to attend as well as to take the survey. Bill offered to send an email to the Kiwanis about the workshops and asked Courtney to email him the necessary information.

The group agreed that there needs to be focus on getting a more diverse group to participate in the survey. Some of the other groups that the MPSC discussed reaching out to include: Cumberland Harbor, parent-teacher organizations, and church groups. The Chamber also holds a quarterly breakfast and monthly socials that might provide an opportunity to give the presentation. It was stated that the monthly social events did not lend themselves for a formal presentation, but might be a venue to have discussion with various members of the business community and pass out the survey card.

The interviews are beginning to take place, but currently there have been less than 10 conducted. As interviews are being completed, they should be sent to Jeff and Courtney.

EPG presented a summary of the survey based on the 163 responses received to date. There are some interesting trends that already seem evident. EPG will continue to provide updates on the survey and once closed, will produce a document summarizing and analyzing the results. EPG will send out the survey summary presented at the meeting.

3. Website update – Jeff Adams

This agenda items was moved to the April meeting because Jeff could not be present due to illness.

4. Transportation Workshop – Rachel Hatcher, RS&H

This agenda items was moved to the April meeting because Rachel could not be present due to illness.

5. Open House & Future Land Use Workshops - Courtney Reich

Courtney discussed the agenda and approach for the Future Land Use Workshops and Open House next week. She then gave the Future Land Use Workshop presentation to the group and provided the handouts that will be distributed at the Workshop, including the DCA Character Areas and the St. Mary's Character Area Plan from the 2008 Joint Comprehensive Plan. The group then reviewed the maps that will be presented at the workshops including: 1) Current Land Use, 2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas, 3) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) development areas, and 4) Existing St. Marys Character Areas. The group was then asked to begin sketching Character areas ideas on the "basemap" that was provided.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.