The Northern Lehigh Multimunicipal Comprehensive Plan

Update Meeting

August 6, 2019 – 5:30 PM, Lowhill Township Municipal Building

Steering Committee Attendees:

Dawn Didra – Heidelberg Township Janice Meyers – Heidelberg Township Steve Bachman – Heidelberg Township Robb A. Werley – Lowhill Township Todd Weidman – Washington Township

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Planning Partners in Attendance:

Charles Doyle - Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

Minutes:

Introductions

Steering Committee attendees took roll call.

Mapping Exercise Review

Mr. Doyle provided an opportunity for the group to review maps of the areas for consideration of development, redevelopment and investment, as indicated from the previous Steering Committee July meeting. Planning Partners staff created Google maps for inventory of the identified areas for consideration.

Steering Committee members noted maps should be revised to indicate associated colors on the maps for investment, development and redevelopment map as colors red, yellow and green, respectively. The Big Bed Slate needed to be corrected as well. Ms. Meyers further contributed to the identification of problematic areas for transportation concern at intersections of Mountain Road and Route 309 as well as Routes 309 and 143. Committee members agreed these locations should be included on future maps.

Survey Monkey Results

Pursuant to the closing of the Survey Monkey confirmation of Charrette priorities, M r. Doyle presented the results for analysis. At the time of completion, a total of 56 individual responses were submitted. The Steering Committee staff reviewed priorities and discussed similarities and differences between the survey results compared to the charrette events. The results from the online survey will be incorporated into the planning process in the upcoming Issues and Opportunities white paper.

Night in the Country

The Steering Committee group discussed the upcoming Night in the Country outreach event on August 17, where details for planning the reserved event spot were outstanding. The group

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discussed activities to attract festival attendees to vote at the pop-up display. Several ideas were suggested including providing prizes, candy, and games, like a bean bag toss or throwing objects into a bucket for kids to enjoy. Prior to the event, the planning team staff would purchase the consolatory prizes and establish a small game for entertainment. In addition, the planning team would also create a public outreach and engagement system to gain further opinions and provide brief educational information about the ongoing comprehensive plan update. Steering Committee members were encouraged to hang out at the event space with the option to participate in engagement, if available.

The Steering Committee then finalized the meeting by agreeing to the arranged, subsequent Steering Committee meeting at 5:30pm on August, 6, 2019 at the Lowhill Township municipal building.

Minutes prepared and respectfully transmitted by Charles Doyle, LVPC.