

Joint meeting of the Town Plan Committee & Planning Commission with Community Workshop LLC
Community Vision Theming Session

August 6, 2015

5:30 – 8:30pm

Present: Kristen Novotny, Kyle Youngberg, Chris Granda, Marshall Paulsen, Geoffrey Urbanik, Ian Bender, Bruce LaBounty, Brian Tellstone, Mark Fausel, Brad Elliot, Scott Lowe, Jeff Forward, Clare Rock (Town Planner)

Introduction & Engagement Celebration with Pizza!

Clare Rock welcomed people and opened the meeting with acknowledging the work of the volunteers and handed out the following Recognition Awards:

“Best Stilt Walker & Best Attendance” – Marshall Paulson

“Youth Representative” – Kyle Youngberg (& Grace Biggio to be mailed)

“Best July 4th Spirit” – Chris Granda and Kristen Novotny, walking in the parade

“Most Committed Tabler” – Ian Bender, hosting the table at Farmers Markets and July 4th

The following awards will be sent to those who were not able to make it to the meeting:

“Most Creative” – Katie Loesel, postcard design and chalkboard

“Most Artistic” – Marc Hughes, logo design

“The Dedicated Volunteer” – Joy Reap, member of both Steering Committee and PC

“The Dedicated Interviewer” – Heidi Bormann, most interviews completed

Vision Theming

Rebecca Sanborn Stone started off by congratulating the group on the level of feedback which has been received so far, it has been very impressive. Stone also read some of the responses which she read in which people described what they thought of Richmond.

Stone described the process of how the group would process the information gathered on the worksheets which were part of each person’s review packet. Each person was responsible for reviewing a packet of information which contained surveys, interviews, photos of the chalkboard and vision cards. Each person took notes on a worksheet. Stone asked people to write down topics or themes from the “Community Values” column of the worksheets on sticky notes and put them on the wall. The next step was to organize the sticky notes into themes or groupings. The group continued to refine the grouping with facilitation by Stone. These groups will be the basis of value statements which will make up the

vision statement. Some of the groups included “Natural Resources”, “History & Tradition”, “Parks & Recreation”, “Economic Opportunities”, “Small Town/Village Center/Walkable Village.”

Wrap-up and Next Steps

Stone will further refine these groups and bring them back to the group to re-review on August 19. Following the 19th the Vision Statement will be further refined and then shared with the public at the September 12 event. Stone also shared some ideas about how the Vision Statement could be shared with the public leading up to the event. People indicated they’d be willing to help undertake some additional outreach activities to heighten the public awareness about the Vision Statement and the Sept 12 Event.

Stone will facilitate the meeting on August 19 in Rocks absence.