

## Smithfield 2020 Notes from project team meeting of February 1, 2012

Present:

Bill Davidson  
Sheila Gwaltney  
Mark Hall

Margaret Carroll  
Connie Rhodes  
Lee Duncan

Peter Stephenson  
Judy Winslow

### Admin / updates

Judy Winslow reported that she and John Edwards received approval of funding from the Board of Historic Smithfield in the amount of \$1000 per year for two years.

### Project updates

Judy Winslow reported that the porcine statues are here. Four are now at foster homes and four are present at the Arts Center.

Sheila Gwaltney indicated that art designs have been chosen. Lois Chapman also reported this in a press release on January 26, 2012. The placement of the pigs has been decided and will be discussed at a later date.

Lee Duncan reported that the owner of 17 E. Main Street (shoe shop) has had roof repairs done.

Mark Hall said that he and Rick Bodson are updating the available downtown properties list and it will be ready soon. Mark offered to be the "go-to guy" if anyone knows of parties that are interested in any properties.

### New initiatives

The January "brain-storming meeting" brought forth several ideas: Types of businesses needed downtown; what works in similar small communities; possibility of playground. Judy suggested we compile a database of perspective contacts and asked each project team member to come to next month's meeting with five (5) types of businesses and a person to contact. **Homework** team.

Judy Winslow gave an update on the "Grand Re-Opening of Smithfield" meeting. The suggested theme name is "Everything Old is New Again. She outlined the events that could be planned and the team members suggested a date of Saturday, June 23, 2012. This will be the weekend prior to Olden Days, which will occur on June 29th, and 30<sup>th</sup>. At the March meeting Judy will tell us the firm date and the events planned for the Grand Re-Opening. The porcine statue will be shrouded after artwork is completed and they will be unveiled during the Grand Re-Opening.

Connie, Margaret and Judy brought up an area of neglect downtown. This is the property between the Ice Cream Parlor and Linda Gwaltney's property. Peter indicated that the town has been in contact with the owner and would pursue the matter with Bill Hopkins and William Saunders. Peter will also get a list from William of other owners who have been contacted re: clean-up, etc. The task is to clean up downtown.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 8:30 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom

*These meeting notes submitted by Bill Davidson.*