

Smithfield 2020 Notes from project team meeting of September 7, 2011

Present:

Rick Bodson	Sheila Gwaltney	Judy Winslow
Margaret Carroll	Mark Hall	Robert Cox - guest
Bill Davidson	Randy Pack	
John Edwards	Russell Parrish	

Admin / updates

Church Street beautification project – The update highlighted that, through the SHDBA, vendors making deliveries with large trucks in the commercial district will be asked to avoid traversing the construction area until project completion. It was also noted that the project plans to close the Main Street / Church Street intersection in January to accelerate the completion of that phase of the project and mitigate significant traffic control issues.

Project updates

Public Art (Concept Defined) – Judy Winslow will be presenting the project for approval by BHAR on October 13. Several open issues such as assumption of liability and post-installation maintenance have been resolved and critical path elements such as developing guidelines for the selection of artists and scoping the effort for mounting bases for the statues have been completed. One critical open issue is securing a location for the actual production (painting and prep) of the statues. Once through a positive BHAR review, the project will be promoted to In Development.

Façades improvement (In Devt) – No new applications received. The improvements to the east wall of 319 Main Street has an end-of-month completion target, to coincide with the Aiken & Friends Music Fest activities hosted on Joyner Field on October 1st.

17 East Main Street demolition by neglect (Issue) – Progress was reviewed and September 24th was identified as the end of the 90-day window in which the building owner is required to respond to the notice from the Town. Anticipating, based on prior experience, a lack of response, Mark Hall was tasked to represent 2020 at the October Town Council meeting to request that the next steps permitted by statute to stabilize the building be exercised expeditiously. Discussion of the current state of the building concluded that it is indeed reclaimable and able to be put to productive use, but that measures to prevent further deterioration of the rear of the building are required.

Mark Hall noted that he anticipates receiving BHAR approval this month to proceed with the rehabilitation of the Old Firehouse. A Special Use Permit will be sought from the Planning Commission to address the requirement for off-street parking for the planned two studio apartments over the retail space. Target completion date for the project is May 2012.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 8:30 am, Arts Center @ 319.