

Smithfield 2020 Notes from Team meeting of February 3, 2016

Present

Jim Abicht	Lee Duncan	Mark Hall
Mike Adams	John Edwards	Amy Ring
Priscilla Barbour	Tom Elder	Peter Stephenson
Rick Bodson	Sheila Gwaltney	Judy Winslow
Andy Cripps	Trey Gwaltney	

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Current funds balance is \$14,951.85, reflecting an initial payment for repairs of “Magnolia”; \$386 remains in the project budget. There are no other outstanding fund commitments.

Project and initiative updates

The repair of Magnolia will consist of fiberglass work to reattach a new head, painting the area and re-applying the wrap holding the vintage photos; the fiberglass repairs are being donated. A target completion date for the repairs has not yet been established.

The mural public art initiative has an initial scope limited to the side of one Main Street building featuring the reproduction of an iconic local scene by a local painter, reflecting an explicit tie-in between History and HeArt. With general consensus to proceed, the 2-D team will secure, in sequence, a release to use the image, a cost estimate to produce it, permission from the building owner to paint the mural and a possible source of funding. At the March Team meeting, a motion to proceed will be made and if adopted, a first review with BHAR will be requested.

The sculpture public art initiative has identified Hayden’s Lane as the initial venue for the installation of several pieces created by a local artist. Additionally, the services of a landscape lighting designer will be sought to enhance the Lane. With general consensus to proceed, the 3-D team will meet with a local sculptor and a landscape lighting designer to scope the initial phase of the product. After a report the Team at the March meeting, a motion to proceed will then require briefing Town Council on the proposed changes (including improved electrical service) to Hayden’s Lane, a public right of way, before proceeding with detailed project scoping and cost estimating efforts.

The suggestion of a wash and wax of the Porcine Parade as an SHS student community service day project has been communicated to the faculty advisor; no commitment is yet in hand.

Several members of the Team have discussed engaging in the Planning Commission’s update of the future land use chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. Any currently identified and future initiative will be validated to be in clear support of the Genuine / small-town Southern charm characteristic of the Historic District. Of the future land use opportunities, initial focus will be on the Wharf Hill Waterfront and Pierceville / Little’s Market parcels. For the former,

expanded parking around a pocket park at the edge of the Pagan River will be further defined. For the latter, a mixed use of retail fronting Main Street adjacent to the Schoolhouse Museum and a preserved Pierce farmstead and extending north into a neighborhood of varied density and styles reflecting the existing neighborhood bordered by Grace and Cary streets. Incorporating the Riverview Campus in that area is also deemed appropriate. The Historic Smithfield Board has extended an offer to Town leadership for it and 2020 to be involved in Comp Plan update deliberations and will establish the most appropriate protocol to engage in the dialog.

New initiatives

A motion directing the Smithfield 2020 project manager to deliver to every member of the Board of Supervisors a communication declaring the Team's support for the County funding a contribution of \$250,000 toward the proposed Joseph Luter, Jr., sports complex was adopted, with the Team's Tourism and County representatives abstaining. An email and formal letter was subsequently sent to the County Supervisors.

The issue of food trucks operating within the Town limits has surfaced; at least one vendor is currently operating consistently in the Historic District and beyond. A task team of Mark (lead), Peter, Mike and Judy will review current Town and surrounding localities' ordinances and practices, Historic District restaurateurs' perspectives and other associated issues and report back to the Team for an evaluation and possible recommendation to Town Council.

Organization updates / announcements

County: The Economic Development team has completed the work for a Permit-Ready site at the Shirley T. Holland industrial park. Approval for the Rite-Aid pharmacy in Carrollton at the intersection of Smith's Neck Road and Route 17 is complete.

Historic District Businesses: The Smithfield Winery is now operating on a regular schedule; observed customer traffic is encouraging. Beyond Main, boutique fashions and artisan jewelry, has signed a lease in the 1939 Firehouse Shops.

Town: A \$250,000 grant has been received to construct a boat launch at Clontz Park. An end-of-year project completion is forecast.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 8:45 am, Arts Center @ 319 classroom.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.