

Smithfield 2020 Notes from Team meeting of July 11, 2018

Present

Rick Bodson	Sheila Gwaltney	Randy Pack
Christi Chatham	Trey Gwaltney	Kim Pugh
Lee Duncan	Mark Hall	Brian Thrower
John Edwards	Jessica Jones-Healey	Judy Winslow

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Jessica Jones-Healey, Chamber of Commerce president, and Brian Thrower, Town Manager, were welcomed to the Team.

Current funds balance is \$12,284.85. There are no outstanding commitments of funds.

Project and initiative updates

The Town Manager has approved painting “T” markings in the 200 block to delineate parallel parking spaces. The objective is to improve utilization of available capacity by encouraging drivers to minimize gaps between adjacent vehicles. The situation will be monitored in July and August and a recommendation for post-resurfacing markings will then be evaluated.

Resurfacing of the 100, 200 and limited section of the 300 block is confirmed for September, between Labor Day and the end-of-month Vintage Market. The project will involve temporarily removing the brick cross-walks, milling the current surface, making necessary repairs or patching, then re-surfacing with a split gravel surface similar to the current material. Details will be communicated via a 2020 focus e-blast when firmly validated.

New initiatives

The Town is requesting from VDOT a reduction of the speed limit over the Cypress Creek bridge from 35 to 25 MPH. Doing so links the Historic District and Red Point / Moonefield neighborhoods, both of which have 25 MPH limits, for golf cart use. A task team of Judy, Lee and Mark will evaluate the logistics and how to capitalize on the potential of this initiative.

A proposal to migrate 2020’s strategic initiatives to Historic Smithfield and operational issues to the Genuine Merchants of Downtown Smithfield (“Gmods”) was discussed. 2020 will maintain its current operating rhythm – identifying, validating and promoting cultural and economic vitality initiatives – and open dialogs with Historic Smithfield and Gmods on a possible transition.

A proposal to modify the representation from the Arts League, Chamber of Commerce and Historic Smithfield from two members to one will not be pursued. The business representatives were tasked with developing a proposal to bring Gmods leadership representation to 2020.

These meeting notes submitted by Rick Bodson.