

Scoping Meeting

MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2014

1:00-3:00PM

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Sally Baker
ATTENDEES	See attached list

Agenda topics

DISCUSSION	Project Team Introductions		
Lisa Nagle introduced the Elan Team and their respective roles.			
CONCLUSIONS	N/A		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	
N/A			
N/A			

DISCUSSION	Outline of the BOA program		
<p>Lisa Nagle outlined the highlights of the State BOA program. Some discussion was had about the difference between a 'brownfield' and an 'underutilized site'. The outcome was an understanding that they are not mutually exclusive terms. An underutilized site is simply a site that is not being used to its highest and best potential. A brownfield site is a site that has a known or perceived level of contamination. David Ashton (DOS) also pointed out a clarification on the renaming of the Division of Coastal Resources to the Office of Planning and Development. The point was made by the mayor that the area has locally been known as the "Summit Lake".</p> <p>The Committee noted that the term 'brownfield' causes people to shy away from the project discussion. Discussion was had to eliminate the use of the term in the project description. The temporary name for the project was determined to be "The Summit Reservoir Area Plan". The name will be finalized at the next Committee meeting.</p>			
CONCLUSIONS	N/A		
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N/A			
N/A			

DISCUSSION	Project Overview		
<p>Rob Holzman led the Committee through the main tasks of the project, including: preliminary BOA boundary; community participation; inventory and analysis; economic and market trends overview; strategic sites matrix; next steps. Discussion was also had about the special studies that will be performed by CT Male. There was a question regarding the 2 ESAs (Environmental Site Assessment) regarding where they would be. It was determined that the process will ultimately identify which sites the ESAs will be performed for. The overall schedule was reviewed over a 14 month schedule and will include stakeholder meetings in December and a Community meeting in January.</p> <p>Rob Holzman outlined expectations for both the Committee and the Elan Team. Elan will provide overall guidance through the process; gather and document information; develop the narrative for the report and facilitate with DOS as needed. The Committee will be a vital connection to communicating with the community, keeping the Village Board abreast, establishing strategic direction,</p>			

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and reviewing and validating policies, programs and projects recommended. Most important of all, the Committee will be responsible for maintaining momentum after the Plan is complete.

Discussion about the public outreach process was had. Contractually, the Elan Team will lead Advisory Committee meetings (on a monthly basis, either on site or via conference call), one day of stakeholder meetings (December), a Visioning Workshop (January) and a Public Workshop (June). The Committee agreed that the Visioning workshop should not be a traditional evening 2 hour meeting. Instead, the 'meeting' should be a full day event held at a convenient location in which a series of work stations will be established and ask residence to comment on ideas and share their thoughts. The all-day event will involve the Elan Team and members from the Committee. With this arrangement, it is possible that the stations can remain in a convenient location for some time after the main event to gather further input. Sally Baker suggested setting up a vacant storefront as a way to share information with the public. Other ideas included:

- A-frame signage in front of meeting locations
- Village host a Renters Rights and Responsibilities Workshop where we save time at the end for public input regarding the development of the project
- Include project updates in quarterly water bills
- Send information home via students through a "Backpack Brigade"
- Enlist a middle school teacher talk about the project in school as part of a civics lesson
- Information regarding the project will be posted on the Philmont Village Beautification website

Finally, a list of interested stakeholders was developed with the group. The list included:

- Rod & Gun Club
- Fire Companies
- Richardson Hall members
- Library
- Regional Planning Council
- Claverack ED Council
- Rotary Club (Jack Armstrong, President)
- Churches
- Taconic Hills District (Doug Proper)
- High School, Middle School
- Hathorn Valley School (on going land use analysis project)
- Nature Institute (maybe a dual meeting with the Rod & Gun Club)
- Rail Trail Advocates (Harlem Valley)
- Agriculture community
- Co Op (Sally will organize)
- Main Street Arts Institute (Free Columbia)
- Laura Summer **
- Suzanna White – Visioning Main Street**
- American Legion

CONCLUSIONS	Basis for Public Participation Plan
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Elan will develop a Public Participation Plan based on Committee input from above.	Elan	

DISCUSSION	Sue Caruvana led the group through a facilitated discussion with three scripted questions that will help establish a vision and project issues and opportunities.
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In one to three words, describe the Summit Reservoir Area today.

- Philmont started there
- Unique engineering miracle
- Sadly degraded over the years
- Wonderful wildlife/fauna
- Serene
- Magical
- Village destination
- Romantic
- Magnetic
- Recreation
- Underutilized
- Mysterious
- Underprotected

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- Layers, complex
- Historical
- Forgotten
- Alluring
- Power center (energy/magnetic attraction)

What can the Summit Reservoir Area be in 10 years?

- All of the above
- Active
- Model of resilience and restoration
- Vital part of the community
- Economic driver
- Protected (it didn't fill again)
- Still a haven for wildlife
- Reflection of Philmont's uniqueness
- Multi-use
- Promote that this is manmade and beautiful
- Heritage signage (expression of the history of the place for people to understand)
- Historical uniqueness revealed

What are the key issues that need to be addressed to realize the preferred future for the Summit Reservoir Area?

- Collaboration needed
- Money
- People don't realize history of the area (especially renters)
- The vision from the past is still possible today (duplicate what we did in the 19th century)
- The idea that the best part of the Village is behind us
- Make the Mill a functioning part of the community again
- Philmont history needs to be shared
- The vista of the lake is blocked (busses have the best view)
- Need for improved cross-pollination – too many similar efforts are being undertaken without discussion about how efforts can be more complementary. (prepared meals could be more farm-to-table oriented)
- Light manufacturing buildings – workforce is prime for training
- Climate change – could be opportunity to become an incubator for climate change
- New kind of education: farm interns; could serve as a model for the New Economy

CONCLUSIONS		
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DISCUSSION	Meeting Wrap Up	
CONCLUSIONS	Committee agreed that Monday meetings at 1:00 work best.	
Next meeting set: November 17, 2014 at 1:00 at Library Meeting Room		
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Philmont, NY

*Check box if you are a Committee Member

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Enthusiasm

Collaboration

The process welcomes and encourages enthusiasm and collaboration as the foundation for success.

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Stakeholder Identification:

Who are the key individuals and organizations that we should reach out to for input on Summit Reservoir Area Revitalization Plan?

- Rod & Gun Club
- Fire Companies
- Richardson Hall
- Library
- Regional Planning Council
- Philmont Village website — Sally
- Claverack ED Committee
- Rotary Club (Jack Armstrong, Pres)
- Methodist & Reform Churches
- Taconic Hills District - Ask of Doug Piper
- High School, Middle School
- Rail Trail advocates (Harlem Valley)
- Young Ag Community (Sally)
 - Hathorn Valley School (L.U. analysis)
 - Nature ~~Inst~~ Institute (group w/Rod & Gun?)
- Co-op (Sally)
- Main St. Arts Insti. - Free Columbia
 - * - Laura Summer
 - ** - Suzanna White - Visioning Main St. associate of Free Columbia
- American Legion

Additional public outreach mechanisms for the Committee?

- Vacant storefront on Main St. — set up display
- A-frame in front of library
- Reception @ Vanderbilt — ticket dinner (Dec. 6)
 - to get property owner input
- Renters Rights & Responsibility Workshop
- Updates in water bills (quarterly)
- Backpack Brigade



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central to identity

Celebrate the Summit Reservoir Area:

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Our preferred future for the Summit Reservoir Area:

What can the Summit Reservoir Area be in 10 years?

Power center (energy/magnetic attraction)

- all of the above (except degrading)
- active
- model of resilience & restoration
- vital part of the community
- economic driver
- protected (it didn't fill in again)
- still a haven for wildlife
- reflects Philmont's uniqueness (which is special)
- multi-use

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Getting there:

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- the vision is still possible today (duplicate what we did in 19th cent)
- the idea that the best part of village is behind us.
(still have mill, reservoir, etc. -- potential)
- mill → functioning
- Philmont history needs to be portrayed / shared
↳ connection needed
- No vista -- it's blocked (school houses have the best views)
- Cross-pollination -- a lot of things done in silos.
↳ Prepared meals could be farm to table meals
- light mfg boss / workforce that is prime for training
- Climate change -- what are things we need to deal w/ these changes (could be idea for incubator)
- New kind of education → farm interns; could serve as model of
Preparing for new economy

