

PLANNING CONFERENCE - 2008

Improvements to Matthews VFD station – parking lot, bay floor, landscaping.

Ralph Messera and Pat Meehan. Landscape architect?

Move work to 07-08 CIP

Evaluate Fund Balance Policy (now at 34% undesignated)

Hazen Blodgett and Kay Plyler.

Timing of tax increase/fund balance

Options – March 24 meeting - Marni Fulton

Evaluate Animal Control Fees

Kay Plyler

Clark House –

One proposal is to put in an art gallery. From staff standpoint use needs to be pedestrian friendly. Cannot give away Town assets. May give grant through tourism funding.

Matthews Historical Foundation Society

Pop's Grill --

Can be designated as a historical building. Possibility for a satellite police station.

Commissioner Query will talk to Frank Renfrow. Chief Hunter will talk with David Blackley.

Street Degradation Fee – will need ordinance.

Ralph Messera to bring back in April.

Auto Tag Fees --

Can be raised as high as \$30. Money would be used for town roads.

To be discussed during budget.

Powell Bill Funds – seek increase

Hazen Blodgett (League?)

Revise focus of Public Works

Ralph Messera

Look at Trade/John traffic signals

Acquire Ag Building

Hazen Blodgett and Lee Tillery

Discuss Location for Military Museum

Presentation by exploratory committee at the March 24 Town Board meeting - Bill Dixon.

Land acquisition for parks

Lee Tillery

Restrooms in Stumptown Park. Would only be open during events.

Lee Tillery

Living History Farm --

Bring back for discussion after July 1, 2008

Greenways --

Include in Subdivision Ordinance – staff.

Suggestion for “Adopt-A-Spots” along the greenway.

Unified Development Ordinance –

On March 10 agenda to proceed with RFP – Kathi Ingrish

Strategic Economic Development Plan --

On March 10 agenda for adoption

Evaluate gateway entrances and medians --

Commissioner Miller will send his presentation along to both the Appearance/Tree Advisory Board and Ralph Messera

Develop Fire Advisory Board –

Appointments made by Town Board

Dennis Green/Hazen Blodgett

Adopt 2007-08 CIP --

On March 10 agenda for adoption.

“Buckley Boulevard” (will use bond \$) – will be constructed in conjunction with Trade Street

On March 10 agenda to proceed with survey, engineering and design – Ralph Messera.

Integrate all transportation plans (road, bike, greenway, sidewalks, etc.) into one integrated plan – PL fund – MUMPO

Ralph Messera.

Work with General Assembly re funding issues on state roads --

All elected officials. League?

Review lighting on thoroughfares --

Evaluate policy. Hazen Blodgett and Ralph Messera.

Sidewalk connections – fill in the gaps --

Refer to Transportation Advisory Board for evaluation.

Add bike/pedestrian improvements on all roads --
Kathi Ingrish – April 14 agenda.

Greenway connection to sportsplex –
Put in Parks and Rec Plan – Lee Tillery

McKee Road extension –
Moving forward on this.

“Your tax dollars at work” --
Put up small signs on roadway projects – Ralph Messera.

Additional garden spots --
Ask Louise Hord to identify areas. Pursue using Duke Power easements (for greenways as well.)

“Branding” downtown --
Consider this as part of the Economic Development Plan.

Communication – using blast e-mails, press releases now. Develop a communications plan.
Hazen Blodgett to come back with further ideas – March 24 meeting.

Caboose and Depot – can it be opened for a few hours on the weekends?
Real estate agents use as satellite office? Docents? Chamber?

Increase/add crosswalks in downtown.

Standard design for crosswalks

Divert traffic around town

Expand/ continue concert series – spring special event.
Lee Tillery/Jayson Johnston

Review “modest height” limit
Kathi Ingrish