

## **Campus Center Community Collaborative Committee Meeting (C5)**

9/16/21 zoom

Meeting called to order 7: 04 PM by Heath Cummings

Attendees: Heath Cummings, Chair, Andrea Llamas, Alice Lord, Erin Jaworski, James Spencer, Moody Center Rep, Julia Wiggin, Moody Center Rep, Mary Bowen, Patter Field, Robin McKeon, Steve Stoia, Steve Wiggin, Thomas Aquinas College Rep Tom Kaiser, Thomas Aquinas College Rep, Tony Stavelly.

Absent: none

Quorum present

Additional attendees: Jinx, Stephen Seredynski

Corrections and amendments to previous meeting minutes: none

6/2/21 minutes approved

Additions to current agenda: none

Call to Order 7:04 PM

### **Agenda**

1. Approve meeting minutes from prior meeting on 6/2/21  
Motion to approve (Patter Field), Seconded (Alice Lord)
2. Update on prior topics
  - a. Complete Streets (Andrea Llamas)  
Moody Center has preliminary information. Moody Street/Highland Avenue/North Lane/Winchester Street intersection will be "T'd" up (no rotary), determining boundary lines for sidewalks. Clarify south end of Highland Avenue/Northfield Golf Club intersection: stop sign, cross walk, sidewalk. Likely Spring build (April).
  - b. Local Rapid Recovery Grant (Andrea Llamas)  
Help economic recovery and development post COVID. \$5 million grant for 20 communities in western MA. Plan in draft form. Two main proposals: 1) attractive, coordinated, wooden wayfinding signage to Northfield businesses and attractions, and 2) website for Northfield businesses (recreational, educational and business sites). Website to eventually include Q codes. Must implement by end June 2022.
  - c. Moody Center (MC) projects update (James Spencer)

- Revell and Holton renovations moving forward, applied for second round of historic tax credits, hopeful for 2022 underway and completion.
- Prayer Walk-Stephens Associates completed landscaping plans for broad overview of sightlines, views, contours of land. No plans to change grading, round top, views.
- Martyrs Grove moving south west from present location. Decommission present grove and re-plant new trees in more interactive configuration. New trees represent 26 women (though they were not martyred for their faith). Possible name change. Plans include Martyr's memorial.
- Doll House-no plans.
- Bookstore to become welcome center for MC, easy parking.
- Hibbard needs interior work (flooring, paint, etc).
- Moore Cottage renovations not as viable as initially thought, lower priority. Bigger project with town homes distant option. Do not want animosity with neighbors. Early conversation with Thomas Aquinas College (TAC) about purchase of Moore Cottage, but needs significant repairs, unlikely to sell now.
- Betsy Moody possible ministry accommodations
- Campground -Working with town to get appropriate building permits. Biggest concerns are water and sewage.
- Hard to delineate TAC property from MC property via landscaping
- Budgeting to implement at least a portion of above projects in 2022. Focus on Revell/Holton and Campground projects. Prioritize Betsy Moody, Birthplace and Homestead over Moore Cottage.

d. Update on conversations about project ideas

- Circling back to clarify expectation for C5 to engage in open dialogue with MC, TAC re project ideas (Robin McKeon). Methods to keep us connected (Mary Bowen). Moody Center trying to share more openly re projects (James Spencer).
- Prayer Walk connection to Julia Blyth, Northfield Open Space Committee, for guidance on planting of indigenous trees, shrubs, etc. Andrea Llamas to connect Julia Blyth and Moody Center.
- Scarlet Thread Project (based on DL Moody quotation)- (James Spencer) New England religious history project connecting areas of New England, religious leaders and historical acts. Digital component telling history. Goal to bring tourists to Northfield/New England (6.2 million people potential)
- 350<sup>th</sup> celebration of Northfield (Steve Stoia) share efforts. James Spencer/Moody Center willing to collaborate.

- History of Christianity and Colonialism (Tony Stavely) and dispossession of native inhabitants relating to Scarlet Thread Project. Wise to pay attention and acknowledge costs paid by original people. Recommendation to walk Alderbrook Meadow Accessible Nature trail. (James Spencer) Christians have largely ignored this, don't want to shy away from it, recognize that churches have historically made mistakes.
- e. No Trespassing signs at Moody Street entrance to campus
  - Inquiring re public access to campus (Mary Bowen)
  - (James Spencer) Parts of grounds closed, safety concerns. MC may restrict access to help TAC as needed.
  - (Julia Wiggin) Limited access to MC buildings, tours by invitation only. Public welcome to visit Round top. Auditorium open to public for Ashuelot Concert 9/17/21, Christian ballet in October.
  - (Tom Kaiser) Difference in underlying goals-MC goal to bring tourists to campus, TAC desires quiet campus. Call TAC and request permission to walk on property, not public park.
  - (Alice Lord, Patter Field, Steve Stoia) Past vs present access to campus, integration of NMH school, Northfield Inn and towns people. Minimal town and campus interaction presently. No Northfield students attending TAC, few TAC children attending Northfield public school.
  - (Tony Stavely) Consider ways for C5 to share committee information with broader community including campus access, TAC/MC property delineation, etc.
  - (Steve Stoia) Invitation to TAC and MC to Great River Challenge Triathlon October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Thomas Aquinas Campus opening (Tom Kaiser)
  - Start of school going well. 1 student tested positive for COVID. 148 students, 3 new tutors. First graduation Spring.
- g. Thomas Aquinas home purchases (Tom Kaiser)
  - 10 homes purchased from NMH being sold to TAC faculty members. Need much work, clarifying property lines. Will pay property tax. First right of refusal to TAC.
- h. Committee web link for the public questions (Andrea Llamas)
  - Public has access to live email addresses (Heath Cummings and Tony Stavely). If C5 members want to have email let Andrea know. As public reaches out to us, add to agenda.
- i. East Northfield Water Company (Andrea Llamas)
  - Working on a plan to create a water district, in discussion with Dennis McCarthy CEO at TAC. College willing to do some work, town other work. Moving carefully. Water district would be owned by the people it serves.

- j. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting
  - none
- k. Items for Next Agenda
  - Agreed to meet quarterly unless members call for an earlier meeting.  
Next meeting December 2, 2021 7 PM

Adjourn

Move to adjourn (Health Cummings), seconded (Mary Bowen)

Adjourn 8:29 PM



Clerk, Campus Center Community Collaborative Committee

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Date Approved

Recorded by:

Robin McKeon, Member