

Campus Center Community Collaborative Committee Meeting (C5)

12/2/21 zoom

Meeting called to order 7: 04 PM by Heath Cummings

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

Absent: Alice Lord, Steve Stoia

Quorum present

Additional attendees: Jinx, Peter Weis

Corrections and amendments to previous meeting minutes: none

9/16/21 minutes approved

Additions to current agenda: none

Call to Order 7:04 PM

Agenda

1. Approve meeting minutes from prior meeting on 9/16/21
Motion to approve (Patter Field), Seconded (James Spencer), passed unanimously.
2. Update on prior topics
 - a. Complete Streets (Andrea Llamas)
 - Met with Moody Center (MC) and consultant/engineer to resolve elevations of sidewalk near Birth Place. MC leases property from Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH); in communication with NMH. Likely bid over winter and do work in spring.
 - Possible 4 way stop. Placement of stop signs and cross walks must be in compliance with visibility and sight lines.
 - Cross walks and blinking signage on Main street significant improvement for Northfield.
 - b. Local Rapid Recovery Plan (LLRP) Grant (Andrea Llamas)
 - Waiting to hear about 2 grants through Western MA Economic Development Council for signage and marketing/website. Possible additional LLRP funding through Franklin Regional Council Of Governments.
 - Study re visitor center and analysis of storefronts/businesses.

- Andrea Llamas has not talked with sign maker yet (Robin McKeon suggested local artist Jesse Morgan). Needs to know funding first. Will discuss sign ideas with MC and TAC. Plan for signage for town businesses, attractions.
 - Consistency among signs in design and character.
- c. Moody Center (MC) updates (James Spencer)
- Revell and Holton – Received first distribution and awaiting second distribution of state historic tax credits. Applying for one more round of tax credits. Waiting to start renovations to maximize tax credit funds.
 - Prayer Walk - Stephens and Associates completed landscaping recommendations for accessible slope and grating. Now open to public, App released on Applestore. Will use 1+ landscaping firms, open to local advice re indigenous plantings (Julia Blyth).
 - Martyrs Grove - Decommissioning event planned for 5/5/22-National Day of Prayer. Lease land from NMH, plan to purchase August 2022 and renovate then. Willing to share plans once finalized for new central location and design for Martyr's Grove. Talking with firms now. Plan to preserve landscape, sight lines, views.
 - Doll House - Basic maintenance. Low on triage, other projects higher priority.
 - Moore Cottage renovations-No plans at this time. Winterize/no heating and cooling system.
 - Campground – Moving forward. Taking local construction bids. No timeline but launch 2022 planned. Water issue not yet resolved. Campground is LLC, outside MC. Northfield contractor providing information, pricing, also reached out to subcontractors.
 - Scarlet Thread Project - On hold for now. Emphasis moved to Go dark shine bright campaign.
 - No Trespassing Sign (Patter Field) - Still at Moody Street paved path to Round Top. (Julia Wiggin) Likely sign will remain until COVID resolved out of respect for TAC. Approach from Winchester Road/Birth Place open. Time of prayer encouraged at Round Top by MC. Patter Field recommends signage be repositioned closer to TAC property line. Julia Wiggin and James Spencer will discuss. Need distinction between MC and TAC property access.
- d. Thomas Aquinas College Update (Tom Kaiser)
- Goal for students and faculty to eat all together in same dining room. Outgrowing Gould Hall, considering demolishing Sanda Countway Hall and building new kitchen and dining area to accommodate entire college. New architecture more similar to historic buildings on campus. Working on design, need funding.

- Status of TAC families moving into houses (Tom Kaiser and Steve Wiggin)- In communication with multiple town entities. Some are non-conforming lots, must be reconfigured. Homes will be sold to TAC families, some with approval not required for non-conforming lots.
 - Sacred Concert in Auditorium (James Spencer) MC has already booked events, NMH will need to use another location.
3. Trees – (Patter Field) Eversource took down many trees in neighborhood. Trees on campus, at Round Top needing replacement. Deciduous trees ideally positioned at southwest corner of homes. Hope more consideration will be given in future for preservation of trees.
4. Communication
- (Robin McKeon) How to promote communication?
 - Open communication to better understand philosophical, mission, action differences between TAC and MC. Logistical challenges delineating boundaries.
 - Encouraging communication between C5 members and larger community (MC, TAC and Northfield).
 - Increase overlap of common ground among entities. Engage in common activity.
 - (James Spencer) MC ideas: Open House, community events, Round Top picnic, open campus to more guests.
 - (Julia Wiggin) MC ideas: As in Moody days, gather at Round Top, fellowship and sermon. Senior Center informational meeting at Senior Center/Hibbard. 2 concerts at Auditorium. Another concert in March 2022.
 - (Julia Wiggin) 350 Celebration collaboration. Julia on committee.
 - (Heath Cummings) Selectboard updates from C5 meetings
 - (Heath Cummings) C5 meeting minutes posted on town website
 - (Heath Cummings) Requests communication brainstorm ideas be brought to next meeting.
5. Activity Status/Limitations due to COVID/Future goals
- Access to campus (MC and TAC) restricted presently due to COVID
 - TAC (Tom Kaiser) Some COVID issues on campus, able to keep people involved on campus. Once resolved want to invite public to events, lectures, etc. March 7, 2022 dedication of chapel. Hope to invite people to this event. Decorative painting in chapel December 2021. First graduation end May 2022.
 - MC (James Spencer) Limitations in number of retreats and participants. October event well attended. Has not impacted us as much.
6. Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours prior to the meeting

- (Heath Cummings) TAC new police chief meet with someone on campus. Steve Wiggin recommended as contact person.
- (Andrea Llamas) East Northfield Water Company (ENWC). Town is working with Dennis McCarthy (TAC) and will soon begin to work with John Alden and non-profit group RCAP. TAC has hired a consultant to do financial review and analysis and determine if ENWC could become a viable, self-sustaining district. ENWC is working with an engineering company to assess the possibility of wells. TAC and the Town are working together to consider creation of a water district including current water customers, capital improvements needed, wells vs treatment plant. RCAP is a non-profit consultant that will help all the parties work toward a possible solution and help assess possible funding sources.

7. Items or Next Agenda

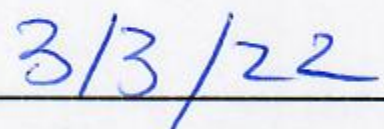
- Agreed to meet quarterly unless members call for an earlier meeting. Next meeting March 3, 2022 at 7 PM
- February 20, 2022 call for agenda items

Adjourn

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

Adjourn 8:18 PM


 Clerk, Campus Center Community Collaborative Committee


 Date Approved

Recorded by:

Robin McKeon, Member