

Village of Bellaire

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

Dan Bennett, Georgia Jean Burns, Tani Carl, Butch Dewey, William Drollinger, Fred Harris, Brad Kik, Don Seman and Margie-Thomas Boyd

Master Plan Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Attendance:**
 - Present:** Dan Bennett, Georgia Jean Burns, Tani Carl, Bill Drollinger, Brad Kik, Don Seman and Margie Thomas-Boyd
 - Absent:** Butch Dewey and Fred Harris
 - Staff Present:** Attendance taken by Cathy Odom
 - Also Present:** John Sych, Networks Northwest
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of minutes from the October 10, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Don Seman seconded Brad Kik, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting as presented.

4. **Unfinished Business:**

a) Master Plan Survey and Focus Group Results: John Sych, Networks Northwest, wanted the committee to review the survey results before they were revealed to the community. The document listed questions and bullet points identifying responses and percentages. All of the responses were provided. Comments about the future of Bellaire were noted. A number of respondents provided their contact information for volunteer opportunities. Mr. Sych noted that these respondents would get a copy of the survey results. It is also an opportunity for the village to contact them if there are activities and committees available. The committee agreed that complete comments should be included in the master plan. There was brief discussion about the clock tower and small town character.

b) Development of Community, Vision, Goals and Objectives: Mr. Sych supplied apportion of the current master plan noting that the current plan does not contain a vision statement. Goals and objectives are typical in a plan. A vision statement is something that speaks to where they see the community in 15 or 20 years. Mr. Sych began discussion with the prompt, "The future of Bellaire will be . . ."

- A friendly small-town community;
 - Tree-lined streets and picturesque buildings;
 - Small town community that people want to live in and visit;
 - To attract new businesses and/or expand existing businesses and to improve infrastructure and transportation options;
 - Jobs that meet local needs and interests;
 - Relocate the telephone building from main street;
- Mr. Sych suggested this could be a goal or objective to make the most out of the main street; to make it more productive so that buildings that front the main street are active.

- A place of protected natural resources with access to activities that are more family-friendly outdoor or adventure sports activities;
Mr. Sych commented that there is a lot of pride about the parks in the community and the quality of life for village residents. Use of the parks is a good indicator about the health of a community.
- More about retaining young people and being attractive to young families;
- Cultural community center for performing arts and support of agriculture;
- Vibrant night-life;
- Outdoor activities that help to counteract the lack of sunshine during the winter months;
- “Capital of outdoor adventure”

The committee reviewed the village goals in the current master plan.

- Preserve the unique beauty of Bellaire;
- Protect the health, safety and welfare of Village residents;
- Promote a diverse business environment
- Encourage cultural facilities;
- Encourage downtown and business corridor.

Mr. Sych noted that this goal might be included in the first goal.

He explained that he would be going through the goals. Protecting and preserving natural resources and improving housing choices will be worked into the goals for the new master plan. Economic development, infrastructure and public facilities will also be included. Delivery of services with coordination of efforts between local units will be developed. Mr. Sych hopes to have the vision and goals for committee review at the next meeting. He also hopes to have a very rough draft of the master plan. Additional steps include a land use inventory and future land use inventory. Much of what is in the current plan will be carried forward and updated. Most likely a final draft will be ready in February.

5. New Business: None presented.

6. Correspondence/Reports: The next meeting is December 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes compiled by:

Lori Luckett, Zoning Administrator & Recording Secretary

Approved: _____

Date: _____