

Latonia Small Area Study

Task Force Meeting 4 – Notes

Location: Latonia Christian Church

Thursday, February 25, 2010

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Task Force Attendance

Butch Callery	Resident
Barry Coates	Kenton County Planning Commission Representative
Barb Cook	Resident/Neighborhood Watch
Rita Dreyer	Resident/West Latonia Neighborhood Association
Lisa Gillham	Resident/Ritte's East Neighborhood Group
Lou Grout	C&L Auto Body
Donna Horine	Resident/Ritte's East Neighborhood Group
Kate Iadipaolo	Resident
Londa Knollman	Rosedale Manor
Tom Mitchell	T&W Printing
Laurel Wilson	Resident/West Latonia Neighborhood Association

City Attendance

Suzann Gettys	Ombudsman
Jim Isaacs	Covington Police
Larry Klein	City Manager

Other Attendance

James Fausz	NKAPC – Project Manager
Sharmili Reddy	NKAPC – Staff
Angela Cook	Executive Assistant
Rachel Hastings	Center for Great Neighborhoods of Covington
Dick Sullivan	Property Owner
Jim Titus	Resident

Absent

Denny Bowman	Mayor
Dirk Greene	Schottenstein Property Group
Carlie Groneck	Covington Youth Commission
Steve Kelly	Kelly Brother's Lumber
Rick Kennedy	Property Owner
Ethan Lambert	Covington Youth Commission
Mildred Raines	City Commissioner
Jerry Stricker	City Commissioner

1. Welcome

Mr. Fausz started the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked them to sign in even if their name is not on the list. He also briefly presented the agenda for the evening's meeting and passed out printed copies of the PowerPoint presentation.

2. Choosing the Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Fausz displayed a list of Task Force members who had either volunteered or were nominated for the role of Chair or Vice Chair. After presenting the nominees and volunteers he asked if there were any others that were interested in the role. Seeing as there were no other nominees or volunteers the Task Force then moved forward on a decision. The group decided on Mr. Butch Callery as Chair and Ms. Lisa Gillham as Vice Chair.

3. Branding the Study

Mr. Fausz next presented logo options to the Task Force for their consideration. He described the two options as the choices that received the most response via email discussion over the previous month. The logo options that were considered are displayed below.



Option 1



Option 2

Mr. Fausz also provided the Task Force with print outs showing how the logo would predominantly be used. These prints displayed the logo in the context of a printed page in the report format, as displayed on the next page of this document. Mr. Fausz displayed both logos on the screen at the same time and asked the Task Force for a decision on which to use for the study. Chairperson Callery asked for a show-of-hands vote for the choices, of which a split vote was returned. A second vote was taken and Option 1 was chosen as the logo for the study.

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4. Vision, Goals and Objectives Discussion

Mr. Fausz provided the Task Force with a print out of the vision, goals and objectives that were created via email discussion during the previous month. He asked if there were any changes the Task Force would like to make to the vision statement. Through discussions over the next several minutes the following vision statement was created and approved by the group.

Vision Statement

The Latonia Small Area Study seeks to find ways to best serve the needs of the Latonia community and visitors by honoring the area's past as it builds the future. To accomplish the mission the study will focus on strengthening and building upon unique qualities such as a strong sense of community, the historic "Ritte's Corner" business district, larger commercial areas, charming affordable historic homes, churches, schools, and the sustainable appeal of the Latonia neighborhood. Through inclusive planning and implementation by the community, the plan will work toward revitalizing Latonia into an area that is attractive and engaging for all segments of a vital community: youth, young families, adults, seniors and business owners/operators.

Latonia encompasses a unique area of Covington that was developed over many decades. The area's architecture and development patterns include many different housing styles and affordability levels, expressing a rich and diverse history and providing a strong foundation for the area's future. The mission of this study is to engage current and potential stakeholders (residents, businesses and other community members) in a renaissance of a safe, small town Mainstreet USA community.

Mr. Fausz next moved along to a discussion of the goals and objectives. The group again discussed the text and made modifications throughout the discussion. The following list of goals was crafted by the group.

Goals

- *Retain the historic character of Ritte's Corner while enhancing and improving retail opportunities.*
- *Revitalize and redevelop transitioning commercial areas to be competitive and successfully meet the demands of local and regional customers.*
- *Provide new opportunities for parks, green space and recreation within the neighborhood.*
- *Improve and preserve the area's historic housing stock and increase home ownership.*
- *Promote the Latonia area through strategic marketing and other efforts, which capitalize on the neighborhood's strengths and assets.*
- *Improve mobility in the area by creating multi-modal opportunities that provide safe and efficient access for residents, business customers and visitors.*

A suggestion of creating a goal based on the idea of safety was suggested. Mr. Fausz indicated staff would work up a statement and send it to the group via email for review before the March meeting.

5. Review of Existing Conditions

Mr. Fausz next moved the meeting along to a presentation of the existing conditions in the Latonia study area. He mentioned the information in the presentation is a snapshot of the current state of Latonia and serves as the basis for the Existing Conditions Report. He also stated the existing conditions would provide the foundation for the future plan's recommendations. Finally, he asked the group for their suggestions, thoughts and ideas about any information that should be added, revised, or removed from the information that would comprise

the Existing Conditions Report. For more information on the existing conditions presentation please visit the Latonia page of nkpc.org and click on the link dated 2-25-10 under the heading “Task Force Presentations.”

Throughout the presentation suggestions were made regarding the content to go into the report. The specific comments expressed regarding information to be added or modified in the report include the following:

- Holy Cross requested the closure of Church Street in the 1980s and 1990s
- The VFW Hall is accessed by emergency vehicles from the north through a driveway via Carroll Drive
- The VFW encompasses land at a key portion of the Licking River Greenway Trail where the trail rejoins the river
- Consider the use of community gardens or other smaller alternative recreation areas when discussing “pocket parks”
- TANK also includes Route 33 through the study area
- Include the percentage of residential homes with no off-street parking availability
- Examine a parallel service road along Winston Avenue within the shopping center that would connect the two shopping areas across W. 43rd Street
- Determine whether reconfiguring lanes on Winston Avenue would be possible
- Include the Silmar facility in Fort Wright in the Areas of Influence chapter

6. Housekeeping Items and Wrap-up

Mr. Fausz mentioned an article was published on February 24, 2010 in the *Kenton County Recorder*, describing the study and survey. He provided a printed handout of the article to the group members. He stated the next meeting would work on wrapping up the goals and objectives and discuss transportation, wayfinding and streetscaping in greater detail.

Mr. Fausz informed the Task Force the public meeting date is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2010 depending on finding a suitable facility on that date. He informed the group the next meeting will be at Latonia Christian Church on March 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.