

Master Plan Steering Committee (MPSC)
MEETING MINUTES – JULY 21, 2021

Attendance:

MPSC Member: Jack Troast, Kerry Kissinger, Deborah Bentley, John Ballantine Jr., Kate Reid, Bob Zogg

Community Member: Christina C

Other: Alexis Lanzillotta, Tyler Maren (Barrett Planning), David Jiang

Meeting Start:

7:03PM

Old Business/Topics Discussed:

- Voted 6-0 for the meeting minutes on June 8 and June 16
- Reminder of Communication Protocol (to adhere to OML regulations):
 - MPSC Members should refrain from using email to discuss MP matters (must have a *meeting* for a *deliberation*)
- Reminder: A Master Plan is all encompassing and broad (a general rather than specific) report, its objective is to set priorities and make recommendations to pursue further planning processes
- Survey Results
 - 693 responses (9 written)
 - The greatest sources of responses were the Carlisle MP website link (postcard), email blasts, and direct link (messaging to school districts)
 - Carlisle Character (most important goal): protect/maintain OS, conservation lands, etc.
 - Many respondents brought up the failure to mention the schools in the survey
 - A difference of opinion between those who do not want Carlisle to change and those who want Carlisle to adapt to changing times (Carlisle should be better in including diversity)
 - Fiscal Sustainability: balance revenues to maintain tax sustainability
 - Connectivity: identify opportunities to improve walkability
 - There was confusion about how physical and digital connectivity could be lumped together
 - Improved transparency of town meetings and access to information
 - Environmental Stewardship: pursue measures to protect water resources
 - Received the most open responses; town residents had strong opinions about this area
 - Balancing resident quality/liberties with sustainability policies
 - Caring Community: Continue to support Carlisle's commitment to high quality educational opportunities for all

Homework for Next Meeting:

- Conduct Recommendations Focus Groups
 - Alexis/Barrett will send Version 2 of the Recommendations and Guiding Questions
 - Send Alexis any questions or necessities you may have
 - Take attendance
- Return notes from the focus groups to Alexis by Mid-August

Meeting End:

8:55PM

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