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Master Plan Committee

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Robinson Broadhurst Conference Room 4th Floor
Master Plan Minutes
October 6, 2014

Present: Penny Maliska, Chair
Corey Bohan, Vice-Chair
Lionel Cloutier
Jane LaPointe

Tracy Murphy
James Halloran
Doneen Durling

Absent: Greg Vine
Diane Sevigny

Brian Dickens
Myranda Bishop

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Monday September 15, 2014 Minutes

Maliska called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Disclosure of Audio/Video Recording: No one announced they would be audio recording the meeting this evening.

OPEN DISCUSSION: LaPointe started the discussion mentioning that this made her realize that if they were going to have large groups for each forum then they'd have to be mindful of the sounds between each discussion. Murphy printed out and brought in a map to show the committee. She said she was interested in the committees take on the approach. Durling said the approach was perfect. She said they ended up having a discussion and changing their mind on certain things like what to think about and what were assets. Murphy said something that they can talk about is that at their first public forum they can use the same format just on a larger town wide scale. Bohan mentioned that the way they did that was wonderful and if they could do that on a larger scale and corral people into groups and force them to look at a map and focus on what they think is good, bad, or needs improvement. Durling asked if we run hearings like that and is that a legal way to run a hearing and then do a presentation. Murphy responds saying it's not a hearing it's a public forum. Lapointe said if they end up using the senior center, or one of the other schools, they should let each chapter have its own separate room because otherwise it would go crazy. Maliska was wondering if they would just have the particular services and talk about, for example, the Fire Station by itself. Murphy said, how you can filter it is you initially have a goal oriented conversation. Then after that you start to talk about specialized workshops and services. Durling said how some of the things already have set ups, such as the schools have counsels, where these discussions can actually germinate. Murphy thought that the 2001 Master Plan co-mingled the goals a little too much. Also it states the policies in the beginning and has very broad goals. Lapointe said the objectives in the 2001 Master Plan seemed more like goals to her. She feels that the new plan could have more headings; she is going to propose an outline for the new plan. She would like to have goals and objectives to see what each department is thinking about each area and what they see for opportunities and

ADJOURNMENT: Bohan moves to adjourn; Durling seconded. By a vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.