

MINUTES FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION TEAM (CPT) ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008 AT 4 PM IN BUILDING A CONFERENCE ROOM.

PARTICIPANTS:	<u>Staff</u>	<u>CPT Members</u>	<u>Absent CPT Members</u>
	Tammy Rosario	Bob Keith	Charlotte Hubbard Jones
	Melissa Brown	Rich Krapf	Tom Fitzpatrick
	Jason Purse	Vaughn Poller	
	Leanne Reidenbach	Marilyn Taylor	
	Christy Parrish	Susan Sullivan-Tubach	
	Terry Costello	Joe Sell (proxy Mr. Obadal)	
	Stamen Lolov	Jack Haldeman (proxy Mr. Spaller)	
		Reese Peck (via telephone)	

- ◆ Mr. Krapf made a motion to approve the minutes after corrections were made. Mr. Keith seconded the motion. In a unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved.
- ◆ Staff initiated a discussion on the Community Conversation meetings that were held. The first category was communication tools. It was unanimous that members felt that the multi-media approach was positive, utilizing radio, newspaper and civic organizations. There was a consensus that the listening stations were effective. Ms. Taylor commented that listening stations should focus on those areas where citizens are less likely to attend the meetings. Ms. Sullivan-Tubach liked the portable station where she was able to bring it to meetings and functions she personally attended. Mr. Keith suggested these portable stations would have been helpful if they were made available sooner. Positive comments were made concerning the flyers, posters, comment cards and trifolds. Mr. Krapf made the suggestion to investigate ways to incorporate the trifolds with other County mailings. Ms. Sullivan-Tubach suggested that in the future it may be helpful to mark the comment cards and trifolds so that it can be monitored as to where the initial contact was.
- ◆ Next topic discussed was the meeting format. It was mentioned that there was a noticeable disparity in skill level among the facilitators in the different rooms. It was suggested that skill levels be considered for the next round, and perhaps offer some specific training. It was a consensus that the dot exercise was confusing to some citizens. Even though the exercise had merit overall, there were some suggestions as to improvements, such as additional clarification in the instructions, landmarks on the maps, and making the exercise more visual.
- ◆ The time and location was the next subject for discussion. It was a consensus that all four locations were spread out geographically but that maybe Norge Elementary or Toano Middle School would be a better site than Stonehouse Elementary due to distance. The Committee liked the idea of utilizing schools as sites, and agreed that a daytime meeting proved beneficial. There was a problem with directions for some citizens to Warhill High School due to the fact that this

location is not on MapQuest. A suggestion was made to partner with local groups and businesses to further reach the business community.

- ◆ A suggestion was made to place a listening station at the site before the meeting as a reminder that the meeting will be held there.
- ◆ Ms. Reidenbach distributed information comparing media used and responses received between this Comprehensive plan process and the update in 2003. She also distributed feedback and comments collected since October 2007. Ms. Brown distributed the results of the exit interviews conducted at the end of the meetings. Members were asked to review the information for a discussion at the next meeting.
- ◆ Ms. Reidenbach stated that once the information is validated by the CPT, it will be made available on the website and through the other forms of media used.
- ◆ Mr. Haldeman felt that the committee did an excellent job in advertising and getting the information out concerning the meetings, and that the attendance numbers may be due to other factors. Mr. Krapf reiterated this and also stated that the Comprehensive Plan is an abstract term, and that citizens have a level of interest up to a certain point. It was noted by some members that even though County staff were present to serve as references, some conversations were steered by a few of these individuals.
- ◆ The committee was in agreement to continue the speaker's bureau and to possibly consider input and evaluation forms for speakers.
- ◆ The question was then asked as to what the committee members felt were the important issues mentioned by citizens at the meetings. Some issues mentioned were taxes, cost of government, local and regional water issues, cumulative impacts on growth, environmental concerns, transportation with respect to the elderly, alternative means of transportation, affordable housing concerns from all different segments of the population, housing for those who provide vital services in the County, and youth services. Also mentioned were the need for diversity and the lack of regional approaches to issues concerning the County particularly upper York County.
- ◆ Mr. Keith stated he has been approached by organizations as to how they may be able to present their concerns and ideas to the Steering Committee. Mr. Keith suggested possibly sponsoring a forum where these groups can make their presentations. It was suggested to take this discussion up at the next meeting.
- ◆ There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Vaughn Poller
Chairperson