

MINUTES FOR THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION TEAM (CPT) ON THURSDAY, MAY 15, 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	Tom Fitzpatrick	Tony Obadal
	Jason Purse	Vaughn Poller	
	Leanne Reidenbach	Marilyn Taylor (via phone)	
	Christy Parrish	Susan Sullivan-Tubach	
	Terry Costello	Bill Spaller	
	Bill Porter	Reese Peck	
		Shereen Hughes (proxy Mr. Krapf)	

- ◆ Ms. Parrish called the meeting to order. Mr. Keith had one correction to the May 8th minutes. Mr. Keith made a motion to approve the amended minutes with a second from Ms. Hughes. In a unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved.
- ◆ Ms. Reidenbach initiated the discussion to validate the comments received to date and enter them into the public record. There was a suggestion made about keeping information private such as names, addresses and other contact information. Ms. Reidenbach stated staff will take care of the issue.
- ◆ Mr. Keith made a motion to validate the comments with a second from Mr. Peck. In a unanimous voice vote the minutes were approved.
- ◆ Staff initiated a discussion on the major topics that were generated from the comments received through April 30, 2007. The first broad area was transportation. Staff presented their thoughts and the Team added comments as well as other topics.
- ◆ The next topic for discussion was housing. The committee had questions as to what is defined as affordable and workforce. It was decided to list in addition to workforce and affordable housing, housing for all citizens and mixed income housing.
- ◆ The next component was environmental concerns. Mr. Peck mentioned water quality and concerns with water supply. He suggested inviting a representative from the Hampton Roads Planning District to speak to the CPT concerning regional issues.
- ◆ In order to continue with the other items on the agenda it was decided that Ms. Reidenbach would email the remainder of the topics and a discussion will take place at the next meeting to add, delete or change items.
- ◆ Ms. Reidenbach then displayed the comment database for the members to view that is still in the working stages. She also showed a word cloud for the website. She asked members to think of other ways to report back the comments and email her if they were interested in working on an op-ed piece on the topic.
- ◆ Mr. Keith then discussed an idea of having a forum whereby citizens, groups and

civic organizations can make formal presentations to the CPT. Mr. Keith stated that he has been approached by at least three groups that would like to make such presentations. It was mentioned that it might be beneficial to invite citizens for comments or to be audience members, but also be mindful of not handicapping the process.

- ◆ Mr. Poller mentioned his concerns about these groups having specific issues and concerns and that this might “tilt” the process.
- ◆ Ms. Hughes suggested using certain subjects to draw citizens out but attempt to not make it isolated on one issue.
- ◆ Mr. Keith stated he would like to see these presentations and would also like the information to be included with the general comments. He suggested having certain sections of the Comprehensive Plan as topic areas for discussion.
- ◆ Ms. Sullivan-Tubach stated that she thought the more specific topics were to be used for the second round of Community Conversation meetings.
- ◆ Mr. Peck stated he did not want to avoid the special interest groups but wanted to include them in the process.
- ◆ Ms. Sullivan-Tubach thought this would be beneficial but that it was important to not influence what information was already gathered.
- ◆ Mr. Spaller felt it was important to get more participation, whether it be from special interest groups or individual citizens. There can be a balance so that the concerns of the special interest groups do not outweigh the concerns of other citizens.
- ◆ Mr. Keith stated there is a potential for diminishing the second round of Community Conversation meetings.
- ◆ Ms. Rosario discussed concerns that the forums could affect the existing Comprehensive Plan timeline and work program.
- ◆ Ms. Taylor stated she supported the proposal.
- ◆ Mr. Poller tabled the discussion until the next meeting.
- ◆ Ms. Parrish asked the Committee for any changes or additions to the general CPT timeline for the summer that was presented at the last meeting. With no comments, Ms. Parrish then asked for input on scheduling the second round of Community Conversations.
- ◆ Mr. Peck commented that he felt that August is a bad month to hold the second round of Community Conversations due to summer vacations.
- ◆ After discussion, staff will look for available dates in both August and September.
- ◆ The June CPT meeting schedule was discussed. The committee will continue to meet every Thursday in June at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Ms. Rosario asked the Committee to begin thinking about electing a member to serve as the CPT Representative on the Steering Committee. Further discussions of this matter will be held in upcoming meetings.
- ◆ Mr. Peck inquired about participating in the County Fair.
- ◆ Ms. Parrish stated that she was looking into reserving a booth at the County Fair

- but needed volunteers from the Team to staff the booth and collect comments.
- ◆ There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Vaughn Poller
Chairperson