

Discover Dublin

MEETING NOTES – OCTOBER 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Discover Dublin hosted a public informational meeting to discuss the Dublin Borough Revitalization & Visioning Plan held at the Dublin Towne Diner on October 17, 2013. The meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Chris Hayes.

OFFICIALS & TASK FORCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Co-Chair:	Eugene Miller
Co-Chair:	Mayor Chris Hayes
Consultant:	Carter van Dyke
Members:	Lynn Bush
	Ann Kuznicki
	David Nyman
Council Members:	Nick Rosica
	Brent Smith
Secretary:	William Wert

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

VISITORS REGISTERED: Ken & Marti Buchanan; Carol Shultz; Florence Rodgers; Hank Slaymaker; Elmer Kriebel; Tony Alber; David Tempesta; Espinal Camihez; Phil Meyers; Tiffany Pompei; Patti VanArtsdale; Dale Meyers; Ralph Geroni; Frank Knisley; Mke & Kim Flagello; Joe Krammer; Cheryl & Gary Derr; Thomas Rymdeika; Amy Hope; Sue Lebair, Ram & Vicke Kempe; Joyce Ott; Elaine McGeady; Gary Mast; Roseann & Robert Gramlich and Marie Moyer.

Dublin Borough Revitalization & Visioning Plan: Co-Chairman Chris Hayes and Eugene Miller welcomed everyone in attendance about provided a brief overview Revitalization & Visioning Plan and introduced Carter van Dyke, the consultant hired to complete the plan. The meeting us opened the floor to the public for comments and discussion.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

- I've lived in Dublin for 48 years and I like it the way it is. What are you doing with 313? I will lost my house!
 - CVD responded that's currently the case with the existing right of way. There are two sections that will narrow along South Main Street. An 18" buffer with new curb could be added adjacent to the existing sidewalks. Narrowing the cart path will slow traffic making it safer for pedestrians and lower vehicle noise. Sections along North Main Street will be widened to accommodate on-street parking and a center turning lane.
- What to do to alleviate traffic?
 - CVD responded that the creation of blocks provide for multiple vehicle routes. It also increase property values because properties now have two street frontages. A middle lane would assist emergency vehicles, allows for

on-street parking slowing traffic and creating a pedestrian buffer. Also, outdoor seating at restaurants increases business by 20%.

- Mayor Hayes – a goal is for Dublin to stop being a pass through town, make it a destination to capture the vehicle traffic coming through town, increase business opportunities.
- Nick Rosica reminded everyone that the relief road on the comprehensive plan will help alleviate traffic.
- Dumping traffic on to Elephant Road
- Will there be parking on Elephant Road
 - CVD stated that parking could occur on Elephant Road near the Dublin Inn and Hardware Store.
- Village Green is a cut through and traffic enforcement is needed, a webcam should be set up.
- Street trees don't calm traffic, they only bust up sidewalks.
- Has PennDOT spent time in Dublin?
 - CVD responded that PennDOT's goal is to move traffic. The Revitalization & Visioning Plan's goal is to get traffic to stop in town to patronage the businesses.
- Are sewer EDU's available and is there infrastructure in place for all this new proposed development?
- What about the new road from Maple Avenue to Cobblestone? How will it benefit businesses
 - CVD this was potentially a pedestrian connection with off-street parking.
 - The off-street parking and pedestrian connection would make the business more accessible than they are currently and would expand business opportunities.
- Concerned about being a straight run.
 - CVD: Its not a design, it's a concept.
- Don't understand why we're trying to become a New Hope or Doylestown.
- How will sidewalk help business?
- Change is inevitable, Dublin is at risk without the Revitalization & Visioning Plan
- Home Depot or Lowes would increase business for Meyers Mower.
- How would the Revitalization & Visioning Plan impact taxes?

- CVD: having the Revitalization & Visioning Plan in place and implementing its goals and objectives would increase business in town, which increases the tax base that would keep residential taxes level.
- Nick Rosica stated that zoning changes would be the first order after the adoption of the Revitalization & Visioning Plan.
- What about not including left turning lanes at Maple Avenue and Rickerts Road?

Chris Hayes and Nick Rosica thanked everyone for coming and for their comments. They announced that Council will be considering the Revitalization & Visioning Plan at their November 11th meeting. Any further comments should be forwarded to the Borough Manager.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

William Wert,
Borough Manager