

Route 9 Monitoring Committee Meeting Notes

11/2/2017

Attendees

- Angela Benson, Resident
- Carrie Casey, New Castle County
- Lauren DeVore, DNREC
- Kenneth Dryden, NAACP
- Penny Dryden, CHEC INC.
- Elisha Gresham, Resident
- Mike Hahn, DeIDOT Planning
- Renae Held, DNREC
- Regina Marini, New Castle County
- Rudy Marshall, New Castle Prevention Coalition
- Patti Miller, Nemours
- Tamarra Morris, New Castle County
- James Parker, Civic Leader
- Kyron Robinson, ProRank Business Solutions
- DeAndra Scott, Resident
- Tim Snow, DeIDOT Planning
- Bill Swiatek, WILMAPCO
- Jake Thompson, WILMAPCO

Notes

- The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 7, 2017 Monitoring Committee meeting. There were no adjustments.
 - Ken Dryden requested more time to review the minutes from the September meeting. He also asked if the minutes could be distributed sooner after future meetings.
 - Bill Swiatek said to let the committee know of any changes he may have after the meeting, and that this meeting's minutes will be sent at least a week prior to the next meeting.
- Bill Swiatek shared the draft Mission and Vision statements.
 - Carrie Casey asked why the phrase "Transportation and Land Use" was in the title of the plan.
 - Bill Swiatek said that that is the formal title of the plan, and that the plan contains recommendations related to both transportation and land use.
 - Kyron Robinson suggested using the word "community" in the Mission statement.

- Ken Dryden expressed concern that there was not input from the committee on the Mission and Vision statements prior to this meeting.
 - Bill Swiatek said that this is just a draft for discussion at this meeting, and that it can be changed. The Mission and Vision statements will be up for discussion through the next meeting.
- Penny Dryden expressed concern that there was a lack of community engagement throughout the planning process.
 - Bill Swiatek said the monitoring committee is aiming to have in writing that a collaborative dialogue will occur among residents and agencies, then have committee members sign it.
- James Parker asked how we can ensure that there is community involvement throughout the implementation process.
 - Bill Swiatek said that this committee is intended to do that.
- The group agreed unanimously that having Mission and Vision statements is a good idea.
- Bill Swiatek encouraged everyone at the meeting to send feedback regarding the Mission and Vision Statements electronically, and they will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Carrie Casey shared an update on the Eden Park/Hamilton Park Survey. She said that a draft of the survey is not yet available. There will be a committee working to develop the draft. The survey will ask how residents feel about relocation. University of Delaware will be hiring residents from the communities to administer the survey.
 - James Parker said that the only question that is necessary to ask the residents is if they would prefer their community to be cleaned up or if they would like to relocate.
 - Carrie Casey said that many questions will be asked. There will be a very long process to determine what the community wants.
 - Ken Dryden asked how environmental concerns will be explained when the door-to-door survey is conducted.
 - Bill Swiatek explained that the broad vision is to reposition residential communities away from industry. The purpose of the survey is to see how residents feel about relocation. All households in both communities will be surveyed in order to ensure that the survey methodology is thorough.
 - James Parker asked what the land would be used for if homes were bought out.
 - Tamarra Morris said that she is not aware of any plans for the area. If the community wants to stay, we will have to figure out how to fix it.
- Mike Hahn shared a presentation on the DeIDOT Project Prioritization Process. The presentation can be viewed here: http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Presentations/Nov2017/DeIDOT-11-2-17-Presentation.pdf
 - Kyron Robinson asked if there will be training opportunities for constructing the projects. He wants to ensure that there is on-the-job training for community members.
 - Mike Hahn said that he is not sure if DeIDOT Planning currently runs a training program, but the department can look into it.

- The Route 9 Corridor Master Plan ranked 15 out of a total of 103 projects in DelDOT's project prioritization process.
- Bill Swiatek said that there are three ongoing TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) projects in the area. Two of them are Safe Routes to School projects at Eisenberg Elementary School and McCullough Middle School. For the third, New Castle County submitted a project looking into a connection to the Route 9 Library.
- Bill Swiatek briefly shared the Draft Route 9 Project Prioritization. He encouraged the committee to read it over and share comments electronically. The document can be viewed here: http://www.wilmapco.org/Rt_9/Presentations/Nov2017/Draft_Route9_ProjectPrioritization.pdf
- The next Monitoring Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 4:30 pm in the Garfield Park Recreation Center.