

Minutes from the September 11, 2007
Management Team Meeting

1. Passyn Brothers request for annexation

Mayor Bailey explained that the Town of Chestertown did not annex the property, they passed a resolution to hear the annexation proposal. The process to hear the annex proposal includes notices in the paper and a public hearing, from there the town council will decide whether or not to annex.

Mayor Bailey explained that this was going to be a complex decision for the town, because this annexation proposal is complex. The mayor and council are pulling cases from other towns that have had similar proposals.

2. Consultant Update

We have a signed contract and the Consultant is Town Planning and Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC). The firm is based out of Nashville, Tennessee. Morgan Ellis explained that one of the reasons for the delay in the process was that we wanted to ensure that we could meet the needs of the consultant. However, with limited resources this was a lengthy process.

ESLC will also scan and post the winning proposal from TPUDC. This will be available for public view.

3. The Community Charrette

The dates for the Charrette are scheduled for November 5-9th

The management team is currently working with Washington College to secure spaces for the charrette.

Morgan Ellis is also currently working with Kris George, Manager for Communication for ESLC on developing an outreach plan for the charrette process. We are also working on a press release to announce the consultant.

4. Online Discussion Board

Morgan Ellis has been approached numerous times about starting an online discussion board for the Chestertown Gateway Project. This idea was discussed in the Management Team meeting and was greeted with warm reviews. The management team agreed that this would be a great outlet for vetting ideas, comments, concerns, as well as letting the community discuss openly. ESLC will work on getting the discussion board up and running on their website.

5. Other items of business

ESLC is starting to do more community outreach with for the Chestertown project. Morgan Ellis will be presenting to the Rotary Club on October 16, 2007 at the Country Club. ESLC will also have a booth at Washington College's Waterfront Festival and Chestertown's International Peace Day. Other ideas that the committee came up with were speaking to the Downtown Chestertown Association, the Radio, having a booth at the Farmer's Market, presenting to the Fire Chief's Association and a member of the public suggested the residents in Kingstown on the Queen Anne's County side of the Chester River.

Morgan Ellis also asked that if anyone had ideas for other presentations to please let her know via email or phone. (mellis@eslc.org or 410-827-9756 ext.169)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.