



Crossroads Community Park Committee

Planning Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 10:45 AM

Florence County Courthouse 2nd floor Jury Room

Present: J. Demuri, B. Friberg, M. Yadro, M. Dallapiazza, C. Seaman, A. Seibold, W. Gehlhoff (note taker)

2014 Accomplishments:

- **RV Service Island (Utilities, NRC, LCD)** – The underground sewer and water infrastructure work was nearly completed. The island structure was poured. The Lumberjack RC&D grant paid \$9,980 to date and Florence Utilities contributed \$23,500 in equipment, labor and materials. The Town contributed in-kind value of labor and equipment for backfill and clean-up. Highway graveled the approach area at no cost.
- **Crossroads Community Garden Committee**– Constructed 22 raised planting beds, added fencing, signs, herb garden, irrigation, donated play-set, picnic tables, benches, path stone/chips and compost collection site. Hosted 5 garden classes and fall Harvest Party.
- **Trail/Sidewalk access (Town, etc.)** – No progress on trails in 2014.
- **Dog Park (Economic Development)** – 500 ft of used fencing was purchased from Statewide Fencing for \$500. Wendy/ Meg worked with TORPEDOS to create/build Dog Park signage, benches and rules.

2015 Completion/Construction Priorities:

RV Service Island

- Utilities have two additional days of work this spring. Targeting a Memorial Day completion date. (B. Friberg)
- Need metal tube to deposit dump station use payment at same price as Keyes Lake Campground (P. Smith)
- Can approach area be paved when Asphalt companies are in area? (J. Demuri, P. Smith, LJRC \$'s? M. Yadro)
- Master Gardener's potential planting at island? (K. Buffinton, B. Friberg)
- Contributor signage ie Made possible by..... (M. Yadro)
- Signage needed on highway (W. Gehlhoff)

Crossroads Community Garden

- This is a separate committee with their own defined work plan for 2015 (C. Seaman, A. Seibold etc.)
- Annual Harvest Party set for September 3rd, 2015

Dog Park (Economic Development)

- Getting additional used fencing, posts and gates from Statewide Fencing - targeting Memorial Day completion
- Flag Dog Park area with Statewide/P. Smith. May have them do the installation based on quote (W. Gehlhoff)
- TORPEDOS finish sign and bench construction (Meg D.). F&P to install signs over gate area (P. Smith)
- Signage needed on highway, write press release and add content to websites (W. Gehlhoff)
- Arrange Hank Murphy to get pictures/story before Memorial Day (W. Gehlhoff)
- Master Gardeners interested in constructing Monarch Butterfly Garden – maybe south of Dog Park (K. Buffinton)

Trail/Sidewalk access

- Group feels the Coleman Engineering trail costs were very high
- Need another quote on cost of trail from Community Center to Visitor Center from Paula Churchill (Meg/Corrin)
- Does F&P have anyone who could give cost estimates on the first 5 trails listed on page 2? (P. Smith)
- Town can't commit to doing any sidewalk this year due to other infrastructure priorities (email from Shelly)
- Since our trail ranking vote was done in 2013, do we need to revisit priorities? (see page 2 for 2013 rankings)

Potential Funding Resources:

Need more ideas and work on grants. Possible options are Lumberjack RC&D, Tribes, and DNR grants.

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 7th at 10am in the 2nd floor conference room at the courthouse

September 2013 Crossroad Trail Group Rankings based on 8 people who submitted data

Trail Description	Rank pts	Total pts	Why Important, Comments
#1) Visitor Center across 70 thru low-quality wetland via boardwalk to Community Center 871 ft + 557 ft boardwalk	3, 1, 5, 3, 1, 1, 2, 1	17	Green and yellow should go hand in hand. Could create a parking hub behind bank and connect 4 points of interest. Could connect to blue line behind motel and follow wetland edge to hub. Remove green line in front of hotel. Connects the principal areas. A start – gets our feet wet with the process. So that STH 70 crosswalk can actually go someplace. Most direct way to connect visitor center with downtown while avoiding car congestion around bank/Soderberg businesses.
#2) Fishing pier to wetland on Woodward 1280 ft	1, 3, 2, 1, 4, 4, 5, 4	24	Easiest and cheapest, connecting fishing pier to community garden. Connecting to existing outdoor development. Included segment in my 1 st choice blue trail. Short, somewhat served now. Redly public area to access. Connects existing amenities.
#3) Thru high-quality wetland w/ 2 boardwalks from Woodward to 70 & west of motel 594 ft + 745 ft boardwalk	4, 2, 1, 1, 2, 5, 6, 3	24	Costly. Provides best educational interpretive connections. Best wetland interpretive experience, should flow from the blue to red out to pier. The educational center of the project. Provides unique education experience for visitors and residents.
#4) Community Center to Community Garden 559 ft	3, 4, 3, 2, 5, 2, 4, 2	25	These two (green & yellow) should be done together. Connecting to existing outdoor developments. Connects 2 points of interest, quickly and inexpensively. Somewhat served now. Would expand ranked #1 to additional public area to access trail. Limit current ATV route to walk.
#5) Behind bank to fireworks to Comm. Center 780 ft	5, 6, 4, 4, 8, 2, 1, 5	35	Don't want anything to do with money being spent on private property. Connects hub to town office/commercial/residential. Also may be the most visible to US 2 traffic. Already served somewhat, may change priority if Family Dollar comes in. Would expand #1 to additional public area to access trail. Priority should go up once Family Dollar is built.
#6) From Encore along US 2 to grocery lot	2, 5, 6, 5, 7, 6, 3, 6	40	Need DOT permits, good to get to Subway; safety might be a concern next to US-2? Depends on crosswalk location. Needed at some point. Nice once a business is in grocery and Acorn buildings.
#7) From RV dump station along south of US Hwy 2	6, 7, 7, 7, 3, 6, 7, 7	50	??? Why. No need until mining trail is developed. Only meets more advanced hiking goal. Ties in this facility, dog area? Only if trail around mining pit is done at the same time.
#8) Loop north of US 2 around mining pit	6, 8, 8, 6, 6, 8, 8, 8	58	Don't think we need, liability around mining pit. Does not connect businesses, could be safety concern. Educational, cardiac addition. Must do with brown trail as connector.

This data is from surveys submitted by Jeff, Margie, Shelly, Pat, Bob, Rich, Wendy and Annette. Corrin, Meg and Tim did not submit responses at that time. (summarized by W. Gehlhoff)

