

FACA Steering Committee Minutes February 22, 2018

In attendance: Jane Bradley, Ed Bradley, Elizabeth Guffey, Scott Miller, Ellen Ebert

Called to order at 7:04 pm

(1) MINUTES – Elizabeth Guffey

No minutes were available at the time of the meeting. Minutes of meetings held 4/25/16, 9/6/16, 7/26/17, 8/23/17, 12/6/17 and 1/24/18 were sent out earlier in the day and will be on the agenda for approval at the next Steering Committee meeting.

(2) FINANCIAL REPORT – Jane Bradley

\$2436.07 in account. We owe Reinholt Consulting a final payment of \$1850, to be paid at the public meeting on 2/28/18. There are a couple of small bills anticipated, but we are solvent.

(3) FEBRUARY PUBLIC MEETING

The public meeting to preview the Freeport Cultural Plan was postponed to 2/28 (at Freeport Library) due to weather.

(4) CULTURAL PLAN

Action Item: Please review the acknowledgements/thank-yous section of Plan document and report omissions to Jane and/or Saskia. The list should (at least) include community partners, donors, and survey takers, and others who have contributed ideas, feedback and data to during the plan development.

(5) WHAT'S NEXT for the ALLIANCE - discussion

Completing the Freeport Cultural Plan is the end of an important step, but it is just the beginning for the community. It is important that the Plan be implemented, not shelved. The Alliance has a critical role to play in making sure the Plan is implemented. We need to continue to build momentum.

Group discussed the need to strengthen the Alliance and what the Alliance should do next. Two paths were discussed: process and action. The next step for **process** is to reconfigure and reinvigorate the Alliance's organizational structure and Board composition to take us to the next level, while strengthening and broadening connections within the community. The next step for **action** is to select items from the Freeport Cultural Plan that are appropriate for the Alliance to take, that engage individuals and organizations community-wide in implementing the Plan, that will be visible signs of progress for the community, and that can be accomplished relatively quickly with our current resources. **The consensus was that we should work on both process and action.**

Group discussed a couple of action items that might be on that short list.

Action item: Select up to 5 action items from the Cultural Plan you think the Alliance should tackle immediately. This will be the main discussion topic at the March meeting.

(6) CCED Phase II GRANT update – Jane Bradley

Jane reported on her discussion with Julie Richard, which was discouraging. Jane's sense is that MAC would view our application as premature. Group discussed alternative grant sources and continuing to build our case for a CCED Phase II application in the next cycle.

NEXT MEETINGS

February 28, Public Meeting, 6:30pm @ Freeport Library
March 15, Steering Committee Meeting, 7pm @ Town Hall

Adjourned at 8:05pm.