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Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission Begins Efforts

Officers and a regular meeting time have been set.

MORGANTOWN – After an initial meeting on January 30 at the Woodburn School, the newly formed Woodburn School Redevelopment Commission (WSRC) is ready to begin its work regarding the redevelopment of the Woodburn Elementary School property.

The WSRC will work with city leadership to formulate a vision for how the property can be reused to the benefit of Morgantown residents. Initial work will focus on a detailed inventory of the property assets, revisiting concepts generated during two public “Reimagine Woodburn” sessions held in March of 2013 and investigating how other communities have successfully repurposed school properties for public benefit.

Seven members voted Chris Haddox as the Chair of the WSRC. Haddox is an Assistant Professor in the West Virginia University Division of Design & Merchandising and formerly Chaired the Morgantown Municipal Green Team. Kerry Lilly, a local coal miner, Methodist minister and youth advocate, was selected as the Co-Chair. Nikki Byrne-Hoffman, a WVU graduate student in Biomedical Sciences and community activist, will act as Secretary.

Other members include Morgantown residents Mark Furfari (local business owner), Tim Mashburn (WVU HSC IT), Marti Shamberger (City Council, 5th Ward), Mary Angel Blount (WVU English Teaching Assistant Professor), and Bonnie Wittmyer (Harrison County Day Report Center).

The WSRC will meet monthly on the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Woodburn School multi-purpose building.

All meetings are open to the public, and all public input is welcome.

For more information, visit the WSRC webpage on MorgantownWV.gov at <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/government/commissions/woodburn-school-redevelopment-commission/>.

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