



## MINUTES

### STAR CITY River Town Action Team Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2014

MEETING HELD AT Star City Municipal Bldg., 370 Broadway Ave

Attendees: Allen Sharp, Ella Belling, Bill Kawecki, Steve Selin, Emma Luzader, Ron Justice, Jenny Selin, Anna Withrow, Al Allison, Lois Ireton

- I. Distributed and reviewed the minutes from the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no changes or additions.
  
- II. Two Minute Public Updates:
  - Ella Belling Fishing Pier access sign installed by WVDOH in front of The Seneca Center on Beechurst Avenue. Something similar needed in Star City on Monongahela Blvd. and University Avenue.
  - Ella Belling Provided an update on the totem signing being designed for the rail-trail which is consistent with the signing along the Great Allegheny Passage trail. Funding is still being sought for implementing the totem signs.
  - Ella Belling Provided an update on outcomes from FERC public hearings held about the hydro-electric plant proposal at the Morgantown Lock & Dam. FERC is asking the power company applicant to complete a more rigorous recreation resource impact plan before being allowed to proceed with their application.
  - Vika Haas is working with her Spring 2015 Landscape Architecture class to develop a storm-water management plan for the Edith Barill Riverfront Park. Steve will follow up with her to check progress.

- The contract with Debbie Palmer to install a significant work of public art in Edith Barill Riverfront Park is moving forward.
- Discussion started on whether the new Suncrest Elementary School being built on Collins Ferry Road should have rail-trail access to promote community connectivity. Plans were made to communicate with the School Board about whether this trail linkage was a possibility.

### III. Star City Riverfront Cleanup (Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>)

Times: 12 noon till 3:00 pm; home for WVU football game!

Scheduled as part of the United Way's Make a Difference Day. WVU students are being recruited through the Office of Service & Learning.

Plans to stain picnic tables, trash pick-up; weeding, and clean up around the memorials. Star City will provide materials and tools. Anna Withrow volunteered to design a flyer for the event and contact the Landscape Architecture student professional society. Alan Sharp will be point of contact for the event.

### VI. Davis-Lynch Glass Co. Living History Project

Jenny Selin briefed the group about a WVU student from public history doing an oral history project this fall semester on the Davis-Lynch Glass Co. As part of that project she is interviewing retired glass blowers and designers. Results from Holly's research will be used in the interpretive signing along the trail in Star City as well as themes incorporated into a public art installation being designed for the Edith Barill Riverfront Park.

### VII. Anna Withrow's Riverfront Corridor Master Plan (Landscape Architecture Master's Student)

Anna briefed the group on her progress on her Masters Degree project to develop a Riverfront Corridor Master Plan. The project has incorporated public input into identifying potential projects and landscape design elements along the riverfront of Star City and Morgantown. She will present her final project at the December meeting of the River Town Program.

#### VIII. Upcoming Grant Requests for Proposals

- WVDOH Recreation Trails Grants

Discussion around eligible projects to submit to these two grant rounds. Likely candidates-- 1) Installing a Hillside Wall in Edith Barill Park; 2) Controlling Stormwater Runoff in Edith Barill Park; 3) Connector Trail under Star City Bridge up to River Landing parking lot by CVS.

Intent to Apply Letters are due by December 16th

#### IX. Next Meeting

**November 10 Star City 5:00 pm Star City Municipal Bldg.**

