

Waterfront and Community Plan – Advisory Committee 3.23.2021

Tommy Harrell – discussed Oak Bank relationship with non-profit. Due out non-profit identify.

Larry – Community needs to own the issues that need to be addressed beyond Allison's plan – think strategic. Must do real work.

Sandy - Several roles to play – don't displace folks from homes; utilities and housing issues – how to help folks fix up houses/waterfront need to prioritize.

Must do notification all future meetings.

Eboney to get utility bills to review.

Marvin – Need to develop trust.

Art – Original waterfront proposal for his duties was economically based; plan has evolved and includes multiple other societal things. Must stay focused on priorities and derive sequential order.

Sandy – Community needs involvement in waterfront; we will hear from them.

Art – Outside elements will come in to be involved in Hertford.

Larry – County should invest in Town, then shop/eat here.

Art – Master plan needed to drive outside resources; master plan will excite investors.

Larry – Little Washington planning doc's are thorough. We should visit them.

Art – Prioritize and pass ideas to other communities.

Sara – Remind group of resp's as laid out by the TC. Art read the job description.

Larry – Overarching objectives as part of plan: how to keep people in their home? How to get resources into town? How to become homeowners?

Sandy – Priorities listed in public input. Job creation = 1. Discussion of the tool.

Art – Focus on challenges and opportunities of each plan.

Sara – Key issue is acquisition of private properties.

Marvin – Community will want to know what will come first?

Larry – Access to waterfront is an issue vs. town property development. Town may move first as money flows.

Sandy – Too many effects ongoing; hard to track.

Sara – Placement of bridge plan; ensure placement.

Discussion – Town/County relationship could grow as this project grows.

Tommy Harrell – Upgrade of rails for leased lines to take people would be very expensive; might take congressional input.

Sara – educational and biological aspects of the waterway.

Pam – discussed platforms up the river and impact on economics.

Discussion – funding “how to” of platforms; discussion of business growth and “shark tank”

Tommy – Gentrification discussion led to analysis of community businesses to serve it, like corner store. Discussed ongoing funeral home project as an example.

Art – Leadership needs to be pulling in the same direction as ARPDC.

Discussion towards a “shared vision” and how to get the word out. Media discussion and Pam said a “booth” could be generated.

Ashley Hodges presentation on utilities: should be seen by all residents.