

Shepherdstown Riverfront Revitalization Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 14, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Station at Shepherdstown

1. Introductions - work team members and visitors
2. Update on project web page – Bill Howard
 - Screen shots
 - Additional needs
3. Handout and discussion of work team progress to date.
 - Discussion of suggested phasing of projects.
 - Short term, Mid-range, Long term
 - Estimates of costs and actions – focus on short term projects.
4. Updates
 - Landscape Architect Assistance
 - Harpers Ferry Job Corp Center Assistance
 - Grant funding updates
 - Work teams updates if needed
 - Next steps and action items
 - Next Meeting dates
5. Adjourn

Next steps

Riverfront Historic Resources

Mecklenburg Warehouse

- Near term projects/work
 - Develop an Agreement between FOSR and the Corporation of Shepherdstown. (FOSR, City)
 - Parking upgrades, directional signage (FOSR, City)
 - Educational and Interpretive Signage (FOSR coordinated with others)
 - Continued building stabilization (FOSR)
 - Project list that can be sequenced and prioritized.
 - FOSR Mecklenburg Warehouse Fundraiser (FOSR)
 - Historic Gala?
- Longer term projects/work
 - Develop an RFP for Adaptive Reuse – city to issue in cooperation with FOSR?
 - Develop a process to look at an Adaptive Use RFP
 - Funding - City Match through Slot Revenue?
 - Building Renovation to Tenant Type Standards

Historic Water gauge (early 20th century)

- Near term projects/work
- Determine River Gauge Ownership
 - **Water Gauge Phase 1:** If determination is made to re-establish gauge functionality
 - Structural integrity analysis – USACOE
 - Stabilization and Shoring of Gauge if necessary – US ACOE
 - **Water Gauge Phase 1:** If determination is made not to re-establish gauge functionality.
 - Repainting – Potentially as an Art Project
 - Develop and install interpretive and educational signage
 - Who: Job Corps
- Additional Historic Resources Projects longer term
 - Develop Historical Interpretation of city owned land near Mecklenburg Warehouse and boat ramp

- Event - Education Mill Day in the 90s – mill society that would come to visit, important resource in terms of tourism, history, town
- Archeological Excavation – Led by Shepherd University test and excavation sites can be developed leading to comprehensive mapping of the historic and cultural resources on town owned property at the riverfront.
- Micro-Hydro Installation near site of old mill pond.
 - Modern version of historic dam function
 - Install interpretive signage that talks about the adaptation of historic use using modern technology.
 - Provides power needs to riverfront uses at no to lo cost to the town.
 - Who - Shepherd University, Sustainability Committee

Riverfront Access – Recreation and Natural Resources

Near term projects/work

- Using the comprehensive list of approximately 70 groups that have been identified by the River Access Team.
 - Determine how these groups are contacted and by whom.
 - What questions do we ask and how do we use the results.
- Develop F.A.Q.s and post them to web site.
- Determine what regulatory aspects need to be considered related to use, safety and access (work group).
- Improve communication methods regarding river access (Communications)
 - Signage
 - Publications
- Infrastructure and vegetation management. (City and Job Corp)
 - Picnic Tables
 - Identify type and cost
 - Shelter
 - Identify type and cost
 - Invasive vegetation removal (University work day)

Rumsey Monument Park/Cullison Park

Near term projects/work

- Certify monument integrity (city?)
- Identify maintenance issues and address through in-kind assistance
 - Repair of the limestone wall (Job Corp)
 - Installation of a commemorative plaque noting WWII Veterans names at the Lilac Grove. (Rotary)
 - Horticultural management - Lilacs. (Rotary or City)
 - Fill the existing holes and address vegetation issues. (Job Corp)

- Replace/repair handrail at monument. (Job Corp)
 - Identify locations and install day use picnic tables and seating benches. (Rotary, City) – Coordinate with Riverfront Group.
- **Longer term projects/work**
 - Trail and interpretive plan for Rumsey Park and Cullison Park. (Shepherd U?)
 - Explore installation of an American Flag and pole. (Rotary, City)
 - Extend public water to the monument and install restroom facilities. (City)
 - Improved access to Cullison Park by providing egress through the stone wall that is currently in place between Rumsey Park and Cullison Park. (City)

Connections Work Group

Near term projects/work

- Construction of a pedestrian and biking route from Rumsey Bridge to Mecklenburg Warehouse park and boat ramp.
 - Signed and marked pedestrian /biking route from the crosswalk at the Shepherd University Football Stadium through Shepherd University to High Street. (Shepherd University)
 - Continuation of the sidewalk on the south side of Princess Street running from High Street to the riverfront. (City)
 - Pedestrian egress to and from the Shepherd University parking lot to High Street.
 - Repair the step on Mill Street leading into Cullison Park. (University, City)
 - Signed and marked bike and pedestrian route from Mecklenburg Riverfront to Rumsey Park and Cullison Park. (City)
- **Longer term projects/work**
- Construct a ramp on the West Virginia side of the bridge down to the riverfront that would allow visitors easy bridge access to the river on the WV side.
- Improve access to Cullison Park by providing egress through the stone wall that is currently in place between Rumsey Park and Cullison Park.
- Connect Princess and Mill Streets – Currently the shortest route from the riverfront to Rumsey Park and Cullison Parks follows a route that includes Princess Street to High Street to Mill Street and then to the Parks.
- Address parking and accessibility issues for Rumsey Park and Cullison Park.
- Analyze viability for a pedestrian/biking connection over Town Run via Bones Wright Street access