

SPECIAL MEETING

Montgomery Planning Commission

Monday, May 22, 2023

6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Public Safety Building

Present: Peter, Kenny, Alissa. Barry (6:15) Joe (Zoom)

Guests: Emily Klofft from Regional Planning

Meeting called to order at 6:06

Additions and Deletions - None

Approval of May 9, 2023 minutes - Peter made a motion to approve the minutes, 2nd by Kenny. 3-0-1

Cont. Discussion of By-law Modernization Grant w/ regional planning - Tabled

Cont. Discussion of Regional Planning Grant w/ Regional Planning - Tabled

Discuss Amending Town Plan - Emily Klofft from Regional Planning attended our meeting she had two points to share. 1. Community Outreach for Town Plan. And 2. Montgomery Town Plan Data. (See attachments)

- Community Outreach

- It was decided a in person event would be best

- Will be held at the Rec Center weather permitting with the Grange as a backup location. Emily will reach out to find available possible dates.

- Pizza will be served

- Discussed key themes and schedule of events (See attachments)

- Will advertise by flyers posted around town, school newsletter, facebook, Front Porch Forum, look into possible email sever lists, invite influential community members, invite town groups such as; the conservation commission, bike club, Wild and Scenic river group.

- Montgomery Town Plan Data

- Barry asked that in the future all handouts be size 9 font or larger

- Emily shared a power point presentation Montgomery town data about population, economy, education and childcare, land use, and housing. The data was collected by the 2020 Cents and the 2021 American Community Survey. (See attachments)

Cont. Discussion of the Zoning Bylaws Housing Definitions - Tabled

Cont. Discussion of Survey Development - Tabled

FEMA Mapping and Updates - Tabled

Public Comment - None

Other Business - None

Items for Future Agenda - All Items on May 22, 2023 Special Meeting Agenda

Community Outreach Plan

Town Plan Key Themes

1. Housing
2. Complete Streets & Traffic Calming in the Village Centers
1. 3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity between the Villages
3. Protection of Natural Resources
4. *Are there any others that should be addressed?*

Community Charette

Proposed Schedule of Events

1. Welcome and posters for 1 thing/place you love about Montgomery & 1 thing you would like to see in Montgomery's future.
2. Presentation: Explanation of Town Plan process & context with relevant data & maps
3. Mapping Exercise: Maintain, Evolve, Transform (Break-out groups)
 - 3.1. Groups identify which areas and places in town should be maintained (stay the same), evolve (slow change) or transform (major change, such as revitalizing a brownfields site).
 - 3.2. Groups identify areas for housing and bicycle and pedestrian connections on the map
4. Group Debrief & Discussion on mapping exercise.
5. Close-out Q&A and identify how feedback will be used.
 - 5.1. A summary of the event and how feedback will be used distributed within 1 month of the event.

Other Considerations- Outreach & Advertising

- Front Porch Forum, flyer, social media.
- Opportunity for "micro" polling as part of the advertising for event- ask 1-2 questions and then follow-up on results with quick turnaround.
- What works locally to have people aware and interested in attending?
- What meeting location works for the community?

Other Opportunities for Outreach

- Materials to share at local events.
- *Any community/municipal groups we should reach out to?*
- *Anything else PC is interested in adding?*