

Candia Community Profile Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2015
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Candia Town Hall
74 High Street
Candia, NH

Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Susan Wilderman, Chair of Conservation Commission &
Teacher in Chester
Matt Murphy, Animal Control Officer
Donna Delrosso, Welfare Director
Mark Laliberte, Planning Board/Budget/Zoning (Chair)
Casey Hancock, UNH-CE
Emily Melhorn, MPA student at UNH
Molly Donovan, UNH-CE
Molly, UNH-CE Videographer
Sean McDaniel, _____
Al Hall, Planning Board

Finalize Committee

- Mark and Casey have been discussing the makeup of the team, and who should be a part of the committee. Mark has reached out to a few other people in town, but hasn't heard back yet. It's important to make sure that we have a good mix that's representative of the community.
- Mark will plan to reach out to people and lock them in for the January meeting, and for participation in subcommittees.
- In other towns, Molly says there is always a good turnout at first and then attendance drops. It's important that people that are on subcommittees are also attending the steering committee meetings so that they can report back.
- People may be confused about the Master Plan process - what we learn here will feed into the plan, but this is not the group writing the Master Plan process (make sure to use the "Community Profile Steering Committee" title in advertising the meetings).

10 Components of a Vibrant Community

Arts, Culture & Community Vibrancy
Economic Vitality
Education & Lifelong Learning
Healthy Living & Wellness
Housing, Neighborhoods & Community Spaces
Leadership & Community Engagement
Natural Resources, Climate & Energy
Recreation
Sense of Community
Utilities, Facilities, Transportation & Broadband Internet

- Molly would suggest that other committee members reach out to the people you know on the email list and encourage them to come. As you move along in the process, you will find the holes and try to fill those in with other members from the community.

Reschedule Community Profile Date

- The date for the April event needs to be rescheduled because the school is unavailable on the dates originally requested. The committee agreed that November 15th and 16th should work well, and Mark will go back to the school to confirm that the dates work. This means that the facilitator training can be pushed back a week to March 17.

Community Engagement - Molly gave a brief overview of the subject to the committee

- Handed out information brief from UNH on the subject
- One of the focuses of the committee should be early engagement, which is a way to engage members of the community that don't typically attend the Profile event - families with kids, high school students, or low-income residents. This early engagement allows us to hear from these missing parts of the community without having them be at the profile event.
- This is something that should be done starting in January through March leading up to the profile event. Molly and Casey gave some examples of how other communities have done this:
 - Art projects at the local school, open-ended questions posted in public places that people can respond to, etc.
 - An oral history project, or story telling circles/focus groups
- It was suggested that perhaps the committee start taking a stab at this by setting up a table at the upcoming presidential primary, and Mark will look into finding out how to go about that. Another committee member also has a connection the local youth sports league who can help to connect us with families that have young children who might be a part of the early engagement
- Next steps: the community engagement subcommittee should meet in January to start rolling out a plan for how best to conduct this in Candia

Subcommittee Updates:

- Mark is asking everyone to get together before the start of the year to discuss next steps

Elevator Speech:

- Had previously discussed having an elevator speech prepared for the committee - can tell someone in the community within 90 seconds about what the Community Profile event is and why you should be there.
- Mark has a draft speech that he will send out

Set Major Dates

- Steering Committee Follow-up Meeting: Monday May 16
 - Should be 5-6 weeks after the event - share report and discuss continuing momentum for the future
- Action Committee Meeting: Tuesday May 31 (Town Hall) → 7:00PM
 - Steering committee + anyone who wants to be a part of a committee
 - People will sign-up to participate at the profile event, and then about 6-7 weeks after the event will come together for some training on action planning and then have the opportunity to meet in small groups to start working on how to translate ideas into

action. This, in addition to the community profile, will help to inform what should go into a master plan. A larger space will be needed for this meeting, but it should work to host it at the town hall.

Next Meeting: January 4, 2016

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