## ARTS, RECREATION, & ENTERTAINMENT SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNITY VISION TASK FORCE

ARTS, RECREATION, & ENTERTAINMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 2018 | 7:30PM | FRESH GROUNDS

PRESENT: Ben Beck, Jennifer Ribley, Joe Ribley, Anne Butcher, Than Oo ABSENT: Catherine Richardson, Samantha Iliff, Kent Taylor, Terri Deist

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

## **Hearing from Arts, Recreation, and Sports Organizations**

Ben spoke about GACT (Kathy Williams) and POYAP (Jen Ferguson). Jenn & Joe spoke to Men's Softball (Mike McCormick), Tim Hinson (Greenville Midget Football) and invited Than Oo to join the meeting. Anne represented the Symphony. The common hurdles were facilities and marketing. We discussed facilities options and want to hear from The Northern Mercer County Recreation for Northern Mercer County board to see where they are at, what their goals are and if we can work together to achieve them. Thus far we have not been able to get a response from this group, Ben will continue to reach out.

We also discussed what our funding streams may be. Baughman Foundation? Where else? We discussed "going big" and putting together a business plan (Joe recommended Brad Kelley) to purchase the old east building and create a whole new community recreation, arts, and entertainment center. Anne Butcher and Casey Shilling will be vital assets because of their knowledge and experience with successful recreation facilities.

Big Brother/Big Sister, why do we not have a program like this in town, should we look into it

Can we get organizations to cooperatively fund a pamphlet that sends out Greenville's summer and fall programs? Jenn is gathering calendar information from organizations to get dates on a calendar. We would like to add this calendar to our community pages especially the Chamber of Commerce.

Than Oo joined the meeting late, we discussed how Thiel and our committee can work together to bring students into the downtown area. Students biggest obstacle is money. They need to do things that are inexpensive or free.

Next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (7:00pm) at Fresh Grounds. We will knock out the SWOT Analysis in order to move on to developing the ideas that have been discussed.

Adjourned at 8:45pm Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Ribley,