ORGANIZATIONS & INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE Greenville, Par COMMUNITY VISION TASK FORCE

ORGANIZATIONS & INSTITUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 14TH, 2018 | 6:30PM | FRESH GROUNDS COFFEEHOUSE

PRESENT: Ben Beck, Emily Eckler, Mark Hoffacker, Lori Reeves

ABSENT: Fred Kiser

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Questions for Organizations

- **1.** What can Greenville Borough do to support, or not hinder the mission of local organizations and institutions?
- **2.** What can Greenville do better for your organization?
- **3.** Would a streamlined process in the Borough be helpful?
- **4.** Suggestions for large-scale community projects that could be a combined effort?
- **5.** What organizations do you currently work with?
- **6.** What is the biggest threat our local organizations/institutions face, and hose can they face that threat?
- **7.** Are you seeing a drop in new membership?
- **8.** What can the organizations and institutions do to support and encourage the Borough and surrounding communities?
- **9.** What do you offer the community?
- **10.** What are your fundraisers and do you have a fundraiser committee within your organization?

These questions will be uploaded into a SurveyMonkey online survey to be shared with the leaders of local organizations. The responses will allow the subcommittee to develop the new SWOT Analysis.

An update was given on the amphitheater project. A group is meeting next week to map out a renovation plan.

There was continued discussion on the need for a type of GALSA organization again. There would need to be buy-in from the individual associations and the separate associations would need to retain some autonomy. It will be important to learn why GALSA dissolved in the first place. Ben said he will look for other GALSA like organizations to see if there is a model that would be acceptable and favorable.

A major threat the individual associations/organizations might be facing is a decline in volunteerism. There is a mindset shift that is happening – maybe generational. It begs the questions: How do we adapt to the change in the environment?

The group discussed how Riverside Park could be used as an opportunity for these individual organizations to work together to make improvements. Is there interest in organizations to work more collaboratively in order to achieve large-scale projects? It was suggested that a comprehensive plan for Riverside improvements be drafted and offered almost a la carte to organizations to choose which project they want to fund and work on. Ben will look into what engineering plans may already be drafted and on file at the Borough office.

There was also discussion on how this collaborative project can be used as proof of implementation in order to keep momentum going to complete other recommendations the group may make.

Lori Reeves will inventory Riverside Park.

Emily will draft a letter to submit to organizations.

Ben will create an online survey using the questions that have been submitted.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th, at 6:30pm at Fresh Grounds

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Ben Beck