

meeting summary:
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attendees Lisa Kelly (Chair)
Debbie Buckley (Staff)
Chris Manning (PT Rep)
Bob Heil
Drew Schwegman
Megan Krieg
Bob Yoder
David Wecker
Sam Shelton
Dave Wormald
Mike McDonough
Jack Moreland

Discussion Items:

- What does the region think about Fort Thomas?
- What do we want the region to think?
- Do we need to develop a narrative?
- Need critical mass
- Unique experience
- Parking is a challenge
- Leverage our assets
- Connect with our neighbors
- Be welcoming
- Bicycle trail is so important
- Riverfront Commons partnership with Southbank
- Each community wants to have their own identity but leverage the group to pursue funding
- Six City "Trail Town" designation. Connection to KY tourism
- Fort Thomas as a unique destination
- Not welcoming?
- Not a rivertown
- We sit "up on a hill"
- Why don't our business succeed and draw people?
- Tower Park mountain bike trails
- Events (Hill top Commons)
- Loveland Bike Trail as a "Fitness Ecosystem" and a "Fitness Economy". Study Loveland as a case study
- Regional Parks system?
- Licking Blueway (Water trail)
- OKI think regionally
- What are our demographics?

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- We need to be a destination
- We need to be strategic
- The Stables building
- Midway/Tower Park as nucleus to the regional recreation destination
- We have to build the infrastructure, and generate the traffic, and businesses will come
- It's easy to get lost in Ft. Thomas. How do we make it easier to drive people to our businesses and destinations?
- Wayfinding is needed
- Focus on the Avenue Business District Spine
- Focus on Rt. 8
- How many ways can you get up and down?
- River Rd. needs enhancement
- Fort Thomas Forest Conservancy
- Hillside stabilization as trigger to get large \$\$ that would allow for trail to be built.
- May be opportunity to purchase the RR corridor
- Rt. 8 going away from KYTC is opportunity
- Wasson Way as a comparable
- Coney Island Ferry Ramp is Silver Grove is being rebuilt
- Ft. Thomas got the grant for the small trail \$80,000 natural surface
- A riverfront cleanup
- We should start acquiring properties along River Rd. and Rt. 8 to make the connections we want. (Hand off to Roger/Joe- Riverfront Redevelopment Corp?). Easements are a possibility too.
- Meet in 2 weeks- October 9, 7pm, City Building.
- Get copies of Comp Plans of adjacent cities
- Do a formal SWOT Analysis