

meeting summary

October 5, 2017
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Fort Thomas City Building

Transportation & Connectivity Committee Meeting

attendees	Bob Yeager	Mike Daly
	Bonita Frentzel	Pam Schultz
	Brian Cox	Rob Hans
	Chris Manning	Robert Seitzinger
	Joey Hood	Ron Dill
	Ken Bowman	Susan Twehues
	Mark Brueggemann	

discussion items:

- Notice to all present: If any of the following items are incorrect or fail to record discussions at the meeting, please contact the writer of these minutes immediately.
- The website is now available and provides download copies of pertinent documents including the 2005 Fort Thomas Comprehensive Plan and the 2016 Fort Thomas Visioning Summary. In addition, the site has a schedule of upcoming meeting and meeting minutes from all of the previous meetings.
 - > www.ftcommunityplan.com
- The phases of the Community Plan process were discussed for the benefit of member of the committee that were not in attendance at the September 25, 2017 meeting. The Awareness Phase will run from August to December, 2017; the Exploration Phase will run from January to April, 2018; the Vision Phase will run from May to July, 2018.
- Mark Brueggemann discussed the committee's work plan for the Awareness Phase and key dates.
 - > Finalize Questions for Public Survey 10/16/17
 - > Inventory/Exiting Conditions 10/31/17
 - > Best Practices 11/30/17
 - > Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, & Threats (SWOT) Analysis 11/30/17
 - > Goals & Objectives 12/15/17
- In an effort to determine the focuses of the committee, the overall transportation system was analyzed for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Following are SWOT comments from the committee.

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- Strengths
 - > Interstate Access (ability to easily go north, south, east, or west)
 - > Limited Cut-Thru Traffic
 - > Good Recreational Trails
 - > Good Roads and Walks Network to Schools
- Weaknesses
 - > Lack of Public Transportation
 - > Low TANK Ridership
 - > Gaps in Sidewalk Network
 - Tower Hill, N. Fort Thomas, Ave, River Road
 - > Route 8
 - Condition/Geotech Problem
 - Barrier to the River
 - > Crosswalk Safety
 - > Speeding
 - Narrow Streets/On Street Parking
 - > Grand Avenue Speed
 - > Linear Nature of Arterial Routes
 - No Secondary Major Routes
 - Secondary Route Safety
 - > Handicap/Curb Ramps
 - Various Locations Throughout City where Ramps are not in Conformance

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- Opportunities
 - > Uber/Ride Sharing
 - > Redbike
 - > Transportation 2.0
 - > Closing Gaps in Sidewalk Network/SRTS Grants
 - > Collaboration with Adjacent Community
 - Sidewalks/Trails/Bike Paths
 - > River Access/Transportation
 - Canoe/Kayak Rentals
 - > River Ferry?
 - Riverbend/Coney
 - Midway Destination up River Road
 - > What is Route 8
 - Park, Development, Tourism, River Frontage
 - > Education
 - Pedestrian and Auto
 - Adults and Children
 - > Crosswalk/Crossings Line of Sight Improvements
 - Reduce Street Parking to Improve?
 - > Crosswalk Signs in Pavement
 - Strategy Required
 - Crosswalk Guard Training/Volunteers
 - > Community Involvement

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- Threats
 - > Manhattan Harbor Development Cut-Thru Traffic Increase
 - > Distracted Drivers
- There was a discussion on which corridors were important to focus on. The following is a list of the key corridors from the committee.
 - > Route 8
 - > Ft Thomas Ave (north and south)
 - > Grand
 - > Connections of the 3 Districts
 - > Highland
 - > Pentland
 - > Covert Run
 - > Alexandria Pike
 - > River Rd
 - > Tower Hill
- The committee discussed the following goals and objectives
 - > Education
 - > Regional Vision
 - > Safest Community
 - > Most Walkable
- With a fast approaching deadline for the finalization of the survey questions, the design team will prepare draft question and send out to the committee for input. The questions will be based on the following comment from the committee.
 - > Question for Adults and Children

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- > Clear/Understandable Questions
- > Survey will be available online and paper copies will be available at key locations (i.e., library, schools, city building, etc.)
- > Safety
- > Key Destination from Home
- > Mode of Transportation Used
- > What changes would increase the use of other modes of traffic
- > What works well and what is not working
- Next Meeting
 - > Thursday, November 02, 2017
 - > 6:00 PM
 - > Centennial Room