Regional Partnerships & Collaboration with Adjacent Communities Committee Meeting

attendees

- Debbie Buckley
- Bob Heil
- David Wecker
- Chris Manning
- Ron Dill
- Jack Moreland
- Nancy Schneider

discussion items:

- Ron Dill welcomed everyone and thanked them for serving on such a unique and important committee.

- Chris Manning asked if everyone had received the previous meeting minutes, work plan and preliminary SWOT analysis via email. Everyone had not, so it was agreed to resend.

- The Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT) Analysis Spreadsheet was then discussed in more detail. It was agreed that the following categories (related to our geographic borders/edges) should be the focus of the analysis:
  
  > Ohio River Frontage
  > Highland Heights
  > Southgate
  > Newport
  > Dayton
  > Bellevue
  > Woodlawn
  > Other Potential Partners (Public & Private)

  It was agreed that the SWOT spreadsheet would be updated with these new categories and resent.

- The bulk of the committee discussion centered around questions for the community survey, since they are due on 10/16. Bob Heil started the discussion by offering a list of draft questions. These stimulated a lot of dialogue, and the group was able to come to consensus on the fact that a good variety of questions was needed, both broad and targeted.
Chris Manning agreed to take the topics discussed and put them into a preliminary draft list of questions. Once the draft is sent out, the group can provide feedback and reach consensus on the final questions to submit. Following is the draft list of questions for feedback:

> What are some things that each community does well and could help their neighbors (things that we/they excel in, and maybe others could benefit from input/support/collaboration)?

Things Fort Thomas does well? __________________________________________________

Things our neighboring communities do well? ______________________________________

> What are some specific opportunities for collaboration/partnerships related to the following borders, corridors and geographic areas?

Rt. 8/Ohio River Corridor _________________________________________________________

River Road ____________________________________________________________________

Tower Park/Midway District ______________________________________________________

Alexandria Pike Corridor/I-471 Interchange _________________________________________

Grand Avenue/I-471 Interchange __________________________________________________

Memorial Parkway ______________________________________________________________

> Where are the prime opportunities for economic development in and around our city?

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> Should the City of Fort Thomas be considering annexation or expansion?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where? ________________________________________________

> Would you, as a citizen of Fort Thomas, support collaboration with neighboring communities and/or other regional partners to develop destination facilities within the City?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, what type(s) of facility(ies)? ______________________________
> Other than our neighboring communities, what other potential partners can you recommend, and for what purpose(s) to enhance the Fort Thomas community? (Ex: Campbell County, Southbank Partners, St. Elizabeth)

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• Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23rd, 6p at the City Building.