

## meeting summary

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## Regional Partnerships & Collaboration with Adjacent Communities Committee Meeting

attendees: Dave Wormald Karen Montgomery  
Jack Moreland Will Weber  
Lisa Kelly Ron Dill  
Michelle Knight Chris Manning  
R. Yoder Sara DiLandro  
Debbie Buckley

### discussion items:

- Scheduling:
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting: June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Mess Hall**
- Chris Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting and reviewed what the committee has been discussing.
- Chris and Ron reviewed the project team's progress in collaborating with neighboring communities, especially as they pertain to the big ideas that have been introduced in the last few committee meetings.
  - Route 27 Corridor: Representatives from Ft. Thomas and the project team met with the County, Southgate and Highland Heights in May to collaborate on a vision for the Route 27 corridor.
    - > Highland Heights is interested in collaborating with Ft. Thomas on a coordinated vision for the Route 27 corridor that includes: 275 bridge repairs; a separate off-road shared-use path to connect to NKU; upgrades to Veteran's Park and St. Stephen's Cemetery; and a Smart City strategy. Highland Heights will be updating their Comprehensive Plan next year and would be interested in coordinating with Ft. Thomas' efforts.
    - > Southgate is also interested in collaborating with Ft. Thomas on a coordinated vision for the Route 27 corridor that includes: economic development; a separate off-road shared-use path to connect down to Newport; health/wellness/cultural tourism programming of Evergreen Cemetery; and a Smart City strategy.
    - > The Committee was enthusiastic about the opportunities presented and discussed options to integrate health/wellness and cultural/historic tourism programming in the parks and cemeteries, using Spring Grove as a model.

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The Committee was also excited about consensus from the communities on an off-road shared-use path that separates bikers and pedestrians from road traffic, meeting the 8-80 vision. The Urban Design Guidelines book will be a valuable resource during future planning/design of this corridor.

- Tower Park Shared-Use Trail Connection –Jack Moreland (on behalf of Southbank) has hired CT Consultants to conduct an Engineering Study to connect Tower Park to Route 8/Riverfront Commons Trail. This study is the first step to enable the City to apply for a TAP/CMAQ grant in September and possibly a Water Conservation grant in Spring 2019. Once the Engineering Study is complete, City Council will need to approve allocating the matching funds required (20%) to fund the project.
  - Michelle is researching the process of applying for a Bike Friendly Community nomination, which would help strengthen grant applications.
- The Committee reviewed the Collaboration Matrix (see attached) and identified additional collaboration opportunities and next steps.
- Next Steps for Committee
  - Riverfront Route 8 – Coordination with the Railroad’s Operations Department is needed to design the Riverfront Greenway Nodes and trail crossings in a way that doesn’t impact the railroad operation. Valuation maps of the rail corridor would be beneficial and Ron gave permission to obtain these maps. Dave Wormald will lead this effort.
  - Riverfront/Route 8 – Coordination with KYTC is needed to discuss the possibilities of turning the state route into a local park road (35 mph) with designated stops at nodes/trail crossings. Ron Dill will lead this effort.
  - Riverfront/Route 8 – Coordination with the Army Corp. of Engineers is needed to discuss the land/water trails along the riverfront. Jack Moreland offered to lead this coordination effort.
  - Riverfront Camps/Glamping – Coordination with Aquaramp is needed to discuss the opportunity to partner on a riverfront camp/glamp ground. Ron Dill and Chris Manning will reach out to Aquaramp.
  - Coney Island Ferry – Coordination with Silver Grove and Coney Island is needed to support/expedite efforts to re-open the Coney Island ferry. Debbie Buckley will reach out to Zach with the Police Department on coordinating efforts.
- The Committee reviewed a draft board for the public meeting and identified collaboration areas to highlight on a map.

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Topic Area	Stakeholder	Committee	Lead	Committee Members (to be included in meetings)	Priority	Scheduled Meeting Date/Time	Meeting Outcomes/Next Steps
Sargeant Park	Dayton	Parks & Open Space	Ron Dill			TBD	
Ft. Thomas River Camp (Glamping)	Aquaramp	Parks & Open Space	Ron Dill/Chris Manning	Lisa Kelly, Jeff Bezold	Yes	TBD	
	Railroad (Operations Dept.)	Parks & Open Space	Dave Wormald			TBD	
	Private Property Owners	Parks & Open Space					
	Treehouse Masters	Parks & Open Space		Lisa Kelly			
Tower Park Trails	NKU (conservation easement)	Parks & Open Space	Ron Dill	Chris Manning, Jeff Bezold	Yes	23-Apr-18	Ft. Thomas can construct new trails within easement limits with consultation/coodination with NKU
	KYMBA (Jason Reser) & CORA (Michelle Knight)	Parks & Open Space	Chris Manning?				
Tower Park Zip Lines	NKU (conservation easement)	Parks & Open Space	Ron Dill	Chris Manning, Jeff Bezold	Yes	23-Apr-18	Ft. Thomas can construct new trails within easement limits with consultation/coodination with NKU
Midway Parking Upgrades	VA Hospital		Ron Dill			11-May-18	VA is generally agreeable to proposed parking modifications in Midway District
Riverfront/Route 8 Local Road & canoe/kayak/bike trail (lower speed limit with stops, nodes, parking)	KYTC (District 6)	Parks & Open Space	Ron Dill	Dave Wormald, Rob Hans			
	Army Corp of Engineers		Jack Moreland (Southbank)				
Riverfront/Route 8 node at 275 bridge / Coney Island Ferry	Silver Grove	Parks & Open Space	Debbie Buckley and Bob Yoder				
	Coney Island (Ferry)	Parks & Open Space	Debbie will coordinate with Zach (PD)				

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Route 27 Corridor (River Road & Beverly Hills Supper Club)	Highland Heights (Mayor Greg Meyers & Will Weber)	Regional Partnerships	Frank Twehues	Ron Dill, Chris Manning, Sara DiLandro		10-May-18	Highland Heights is interested in collaborating with Ft. Thomas on a coordinated vision for the Route 27 corridor that includes: 275 bridge repairs; separated shared-use path; upgrades to Veteran's Park; and a Smart City strategy.
	Southgate (Mayor Hamburg & Will Weber)	Regional Partnerships	James Shumate (CT)	Ron Dill, Frank Twehues, Chris Manning, Sara DiLandro		21-May-18	Southgate is interested in collaborating with Ft. Thomas on a coordinated vision for the Route 27 corridor that includes: economic development; separated shared-use path; health/wellness/cultural tourism programming of Evergreen Cemetery; and a Smart City strategy.
Memorial Parkway / Carlisle Development Site	Newport	Regional Partnerships					
St. Stephen's Cemetery / Veteran's Park	Highland Heights	Parks & Open Space					
Evergreen Cemetery	Southgate	Parks & Open Space					
Smart Growth Corridor	County, Highland Heights, Southgate, NKU, Newport	Regional Partnerships					