

April 14 Preparing for Change Action Team

Attendees: Dick Harris, Kathleen & John Domanico, Sharon Miller

Regrets: Karen Ladd, Bill Schomburg, Sue Collins, Jim & Brenda Tibbitts

Facilitator: Brendan Prusik / Notes

- Minutes Approved
- Reviewed Mission Statement
- Reviewed past summits 35 years ago that instigated GNW designation, another, later at the school a summit yielded broadband activity, the pool and Tillotson Center.
- Reviewed history of Citizens for Vibrant communities
- Reviewed April 7th gathering at the Spa and the four action teams with the projects folks discussed there.
- Suggestion to ask Britni to be more explicit for the next Spa gathering so that the outcome is clear.
- Discussion of Resilient Community based on Community Workbook shared via email. Resiliency grows from the bottom-up
- Should the group develop a survey? Need to review documents that Dick collected to see what perspectives have already been collected. Recognize that many of the documents are not necessarily reflective of current-date issues. Need to reach those who do not always engage in these discussions rather than to complain. Explore what is the goal of collecting data to guide content and execution of the survey. See “thoughts in preparing for change” for interview question ideas. One goal: to define what the community wants in order to inform policy moving forward.
- Dick will expand list that he and Clayton started and get it available to the group. Include issue of the wildlife refuge lands and their impact on land use.
- Dick will redistribute the project component form that was completed subsequent to the Spa gathering.
- Potential Projects:
 1. Survey general population to inform policy change proposals
 2. Route 26 reconfiguration as the Balsams begins development.
 3. Same for Golf Links Road configuration
 4. Influence of the refuges on the economics of the area
 5. Take a position/ affect change regarding the Northern Pass

6. How is Balsams going to affect EMS, hospital, clinic and other services. (adding 6,000 to the population)

Next meetings Thursday April 28 and May 12 and May 26 at 1pm at MCC except May 12 will be at 5pm.
Duration of meetings 1 hour.