

TOWN OF HIGHGATE
Village Core Master Plan Committee
August 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Village Core Master Plan Committee Members: Woody Rouse-Chair, Rebecca Manning-Vice Chair, Alice (Sue) Cota, Lura Jacques-Secretary, Chris Shepard, Clarence Miller, Adah DeRosier, Mary Laroche, Virginia Holiman, Sharon Bousquet-Town Administrator

Public/Other: Fernand & Pat Gagne, Gregg Gossens and Diantha Korzun, gbA Architecture & Planning, Robert Clark, Otter Creek Engineering

Woody Rouse, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Guest Speakers - gbArchitecture

After considering all the previous community comments from the February public meeting whereby 6 charettes were presented, Gregg Gossens and Diantha Korzun from gbA Architecture & Planning presented 2 options to the committee that will be presented at the upcoming September 13 charettes public meeting. The hope is that after public comments at this meeting an ending plan will be finalized.

Guest Speakers – Otter Creek Engineering

Robert Clark from Otter Creek Engineering discussed with the committee the State's request to consider a full design versus the previous Phase 1A that was discussed. Sharon Bousquet shared that a number of businesses are interested in utilizing the new system and Robert Clark discussed the usage needed for residential homes, commercial businesses and gas stations. If a full design is to be presented, test wells will need to be installed this fall and monitored over the winter months. There will be additional costs associated with this full design, however, there are also additional funds available through the state to assist. Sharon Bousquet will research what opportunities are available and apply as applicable. After much discussion around the pros and cons of Phase 1A versus a full design, Chris Shepard made a motion to move forward with a full design. Alice (Sue) Cota seconded the motion. APPROVED

Discussion

Ferdinand Gagne asked several questions regarding both guest speakers' presentations and answers were provided. Adah DeRosier also gave an update regarding the library plans and the limitations they current have regarding the number of participants for the various programs due to fire code and the limited number of parking. The emphasis again was focusing on not just the library but Library & Community Center.

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 13, 2023 – Charettes Community Participation Meeting
October 11, 2023 – Village Core Mast Plan Committee Meeting

ADJOURN – Clarence Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Laroche seconded the motion. APPROVED

Woody Rouse