

**TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE  
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Town Square Task Force of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 31, 2015, at Longview Farm Park located at 13525 Clayton Road, Town & Country, MO 63141.

**ATTENDANCE**

Alderman Mange – Co-Chairman  
Leslie Yoffie – Co-Chairman  
Dr. Nan Kulkarni  
Judy Weber  
Derek Goodin  
Juli Hesser  
Chris Mower  
Tom Adamitis

Also present was Melanie Rippetoe, City Planner.

Alderman Anderson was present on behalf of the Neighborhood Representatives Subcommittee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Alderman Mange called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES 3/31/15**

Dr. Kulkarni moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Mower.

Alderman Mange called for corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 3/31/15, were unanimously approved by voice vote.

**REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Alderman Anderson stated that she is hoping to have their first meeting prior to the public input sessions. At the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting, the Mayor announced his intent to appoint the following people to the Neighborhood Representatives Subcommittee:

- J. Patrick Wiese, Mason Oaks
- Cushie Switzer, Rutherford Lane
- Rebecca Rahm, Mason Village Condos
- Kimberly Sutter, Williamsburg Estates
- Bernard Zyk, Wheatfield
- Robert Welsh, Kings Glen
- Frank Petkovich, Weston Place
- Trip Straub, Straub Markets
- Larry Schiffer, from Love Management/Mason Woods Village
- Rebecca Rahm, Mason Village Condo
- Peter Stevens, The Principia
- Reverend Pamela Dolan, Church of the Good Shepherd

#### **ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOWN SQUARE VISION STATEMENT**

Alderman Mange explained that he previously distributed a vision statement that he had put together based on the comments from the previous meetings.

Dr. Kulkarni stated that she was happy with the statement as written.

After a brief discussion, the Task Force agreed upon revising the statement as follows:

#### **Town Square Vision Statement**

The Town Square should be a safe, welcoming, comfortable, public space that accommodates users of all ages, where friends and family can congregate to shop, dine and socialize through the day and evening. It should reflect the character, personality, culture, and history of the community, while at the same time addressing the interests and concerns of the adjoining property owners. It needs to be a space that gives people a reason to come to it, along with a reason to stay and enjoy themselves.

#### **SET "PUBLIC INPUT" SESSION DATES AND APPROVAL OF POST CARD NOTICE**

Alderman Mange asked if there were any comments or suggestions for the sample Postcard Notice previously distributed.

In response to Mr. Goodin's suggestion, the Task Force determined that the Vision Statement should be included on the postcard.

Discussion continued about the dates of the meeting and the dates for the public input sessions as Thursday, April 23rd from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. It was agreed that prints of the Wirth property would be provided for small group discussions followed by a spokesperson from each table to tell all of the other attendees their ideas and there will be time allotted at the end for anyone who wishes to address the entire group.

### **COMMENT BY TASK FORCE MEMBERS**

Discussion ensued in regards to the public input meetings and where to go from there. It was determined that a summary list would be created/presented to the TSTF at the next meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Discussion from the public included:

- Possible uses for the Wirth Property that included: a farmer's market, outdoor movies, food trucks, etc.
- Uses that had been eliminated.

### **SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

Alderman Mange stated that they would postpone the public input session until after the subcommittee has had a chance to meet. The next meeting date was set for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7pm.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no additional business to discuss, Co-Chairman Mange adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melanie Rippetoe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melanie Rippetoe, City Planner