

June 16, 2023 Core Team Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Joann Carl
Cindy Harvey
Mark Stinchcomb
Larry and Ruthie Hall
Kimberly Carnivale
Kristin Knifong
Bill Kehoe
Kris Webb
Beth Roman

Kris introduced three new members, Joann, Kimberly and Kristin. Each have lived in Williamsburg for quite a few years and help us meet the diversity of membership we discussed last week.

Kris reported that the survey can be mailed out through Chamber of Commerce and Kris will take care of expenses. She will use a current list of registered voters' mailing addresses. There are over 600. Mail was chosen because we don't have a good way to acquire email addresses. We need your questions for the survey.

Joann gave us a bit of history on the community – a long time ago Williamsburg was in the news frequently, for water issues and volatile town meetings. Joann has lived here 26 years and has not recognized much change in the enforcement of codes. She noted there has been a rebelliousness among some of the residents for a long time and was encouraged to see we have a judge again.

In 2004, Wmsburg adopted codes that were written for another town in Colorado and turmoil ensued among the residents. In 2017, some of those codes were changed. We discussed that Williamsburg codes may already cover all the types of violations that are found in the Silver Cliff Pride Codes and we don't understand the point of having both. Is it a substitute for an HOA? And why are we tasked with writing a problem statement if solutions are already being implemented?

There was extensive discussion regarding the problems that have occurred in the last couple/few months of code enforcement efforts.

Beth reported she heard Chief Schick of Canon City PD speak this week. In the 2+ years Chief Schick has been in office, code compliance has risen to 85% voluntary compliance with no letters, no summonses, no fines. Instead of issuing tickets, their community resource officers knock on the door and talk to the residents like concerned community members, not law enforcement.

Beth brought up the Current State and Target State descriptions which she previously sent by email. After discussion, the group agreed to the proposed Current State as modified:

“Code Enforcement process has not been working for a long time. Solutions to the process are being implemented and are evolving. Recently enacted process solutions have led to some increase in code compliance but also led to much push back from some residents. Some residents refuse to respond or get involved. There is a feeling of Us vs. Them. Some Core Team members have the impression that enforcement efforts are inconsistent.”

Joann suggested the proposed Target State is too much like solutions rather than targets. Beth agreed. However, the group had difficulty trying to state it precisely. It might start with “Williamsburg's sense of community will improve...” Please bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

Kimberly stated she knows a lot of residents who want to attend our meetings but cannot at this time slot. There was discussion on the time slot. Some members cannot come during evening hours. Some prefer not to meet on weekends.

There was again discussion over whether we need more people. Cindy suggested to send out the survey to find out what the interest is from other community members before we close the membership of the team. There was agreement to send out the survey.

It was mentioned that the results of the survey will also help us decide what our Target State is.

We will delay completing our 'fishbone' diagram until we have settled our membership question.

The Core Team was reminded of the next meeting at 10 am on Friday 6/23.

Assignments:

1. Please bring questions for the survey.
2. Please review the Williamsburg Town Codes on the website.
3. Please bring suggestions for the Target State.
4. Review Town of Silver Cliff Pride Codes and Fines
https://library.municode.com/co/silver_cliff/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=APXBPRCO
5. Review Town of Williamsburg Codes
<https://townofwilliamsburg.colorado.gov/williamsburg-code-enforcement>