

Core Team Meeting Minutes 06/30/2023

In Attendance:

Tom Hansen	Cindy and Gary Harvey
Kris Webb	Joanne Carl
Beth Roman	Mayor Ott (observer)
Larry Hall	Karen Ott (observer)
Bill Kehoe	Danora Hansen (observer)
Brad and Kristin Knifong	John Purvis (observer)
Tiffany Dennison	Bob _____ (observer)
James Stallings	
Kimberly and Allen Carnivale	

Reset:

Tom: Primary purpose of Team is to improve code enforcement process. Project sponsor is Mayor Ott. His role is to support team at a high level to achieve goals. He is the liaison to Board.

Team Leader resigned recently. New TL is Beth Roman. Tom is Facilitator. TL drives project to completion. Facilitator supports team and leader to stay on task.

If you are new to the team and are not on the list, get your contact info to Tom if you want to receive updates. Tom went over ground rules that the early team decided upon.

Due to recent revelations, we defined a smaller scope – will now just work on code enforcement processes. Clean Up Day is out of scope.

Mayor: Is 100% behind the team. Wants our feedback. He took an oath to uphold the codes of the Town and wants to represent the town residents accurately. We must also represent the residents accurately.

Codes did come from another town and were modified for our use. The Code Book needs to be dynamic to keep up with the times. Team cannot legally change codes but is expected to propose to Board of Trustees recommended changes to code. Mayor will help sell to the Board. Team product must be sellable to the BOT. Mayor will observe meetings but wants this to be a citizen driven project.

General:

Brad asked for clarification on the team's role with current codes. Tom says we are at 76% compliance currently. Tom does not make any code enforcement decisions without input of Board members and Team. It is a collective decision. Admitted having made a mistake in the beginning but has since taken training and has made it a rule not to enter onto private property.

Kimberly expressed liability concerns about citizens riding along on the monthly town tour.

There was a short discussion about past problems with code enforcement methods and competency. Observed lack of consistency makes people feel as if they are being singled out.

Kris has prepared a survey that will be mailed to all registered Town voters. Surveys to be returned by August 15 to secure drop box at 11 Needham, by email, or by mail to provided PO box.

Tiffany suggested to simplify code book down to 10 pgs or less and extend the time to comply. Is in

favor of cleaning up the town but reminded Team that some of us do not have the resources to comply within the time frame. Reasons include work schedules, weather, etc. Mentioned a neighborhood clean up.

Tom: We have a commitment from Twin Enviro to bring a trash truck but are lacking volunteers.

Kimberly: Can we do something to help those who cannot do these clean ups all alone. We are a low-income town and have many people who lack resources.

Tom: wants us to be able to just go help people. He sends a letter and if people call him and say they are working on it, he does not send another letter.

Joanne: UAACOG has volunteers who will come out and help in the summer. But we have to ask for it. Some people have a hard time asking.

Kris: Neighbor To Neighbor is what we are trying to accomplish. I don't want to feel like I have to protect myself against the town. FCSO should be doing the enforcement of crime (like squatters, drug houses)

Beth: Distributed copies of a letter from Fremont County Commissioner Debbie Bell denying any authority on county's part. This might be a problem we need to solve.

Kimberly wants people to know there are some families who want to move out of Town due to this recent conflict.

Joanne: moved here almost 30 yrs ago, has had no problems with code enforcement or anything else. We need voices of people who have and who have not had issues to contribute to the Team.

Larry suggested we settle the issue of meeting times to increase ability for people who work to attend.

There was some discussion re: monthly meetings instead of weekly. Due to the completion timeline we need to keep going weekly.

Joanne made a motion to alternate morning and evening meetings every other week. On weeks when the BOT meets, we will meet at 5:30 pm, before the BOT meeting. Other evenings will be on Thursdays. Motion seconded by Beth and passed with 13 in favor, 0 opposed, remainder abstained.

Everyone received an agenda with contact information. Please contact us with your thoughts, proposals, ideas.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Schedule:

July 5 @ 5:30 before BOT meeting
July 14 @ 10:00 am
July 20 @ 5:30 pm

July 28 @ 10:00 am
August 1 @ 5:30 before BOT meeting
August 11 @ 10:00 am