



HOP Grant Committee
PO Box 277
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July 31st, 2023

The HOP Grant Committee met on July 31, 2023 in the basement of the Town Hall. Present were Margot Sprague, Susan Peters, Donna Garner, Jay Schechter, Dan Scully, June Brening, Susan Phillips-Hungerford, Emily Primrose, Don Primrose, Mary Loftis, and John Morris. Also, in attendance was Charles Callaghan.

Call to Order: Margot opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Approval of HOP Grant Committee Minutes, June 19, 2023: Donna made a “motion to approve the minutes as amended”. Mary seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Susan Phillips-Hungerford abstaining.

Bookkeeping: Housing Forum Event on 7/22: Discussion on expenses of event and consultants. Receipts were collected from those who made purchases for supplies. Susan reported on funds left in this first Grant after this phase, suggesting being strategic with the remainder of the Grant.

Old Business: Consultants: It was decided that it would be most efficient for the HOP Committee to attend a Planning Board meeting to listen in on discussion of the Consultants Reports.

Teams: Margot explained that the teams had been casually constructed; asking everyone to agree only if okay with their assignment. Everyone was happy with their spot. Susan Peters passed out material on Focus Groups.

Margot asked, “How are we doing?” Emily gave feedback as to being encouraged by the roadmap but also stating the importance and importance of conducting the Key Informant interviews

It was suggested that all committee members divvy up the interviews. Deadline for interviews is end of September.

Don will meet with Nina to plan the 3 focus groups. He will also discuss the possibility of the larger group date in December for Community Discussion.

Mary Loftis will aid the Town Wide Communication Team where needed.

New Business: Set Remaining 2023 HOP Meeting Dates: Margot proposed future meetings alternating between working and educational. All in attendance agreed to proposed dates at this

time. Susan suggested looking at Process vs. Product as far as meetings. Working Meetings will continue to be held at the Town Hall in the lower level.

Education could consist of a variety of topics. These meetings will likely be held in the Library and open to the public. The Educational Programs Team will contact the Library to ask about availability on specific Mondays.

HOP Development: Debrief of Community Engagement: Mary commented on successful attendance and the groundwork being laid.

Dan commented that the Event was positive but felt that we didn't get to the bottom, or heart, of Town Development. He added that this planning is for the future generations.

Donna asked Charles Callahan, the visitor at the meeting, for feedback. He thought the Community Engagement was great, although commented that the group consisted of mostly the same generation. He suggested coming up with specific questions as well as having multigenerational interviews.

Groups suggested to have interviews with Dublin workers that commute, High School and College age students, and posing the question, "What does it take to come back to Dublin?"

Jay agreed that the same age people were in attendance but that all had been invited/encouraged to come.

Susan Phillips-Hungerford suggested a focus at the Dublin School as well as with its Faculty.

Other Business: Bookkeeping: Margot had suggested at the start that any committee members wishing to understand the grant billing with great specificity speak near the end of the meeting. In the end, Susan Peters gave Don Primrose papers with an up to date accounting and the details were not discussed as a group.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Margot made a motion "to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm". Sue seconded.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Madeline Paladino