

Sorry I'm just now getting this out to you. Here are the minutes from Tuesday's meeting.

Dee called the meeting to order at 5:30

HVC Center Mission

This was the first discussion topic. Plan Commissioners present suggested we consider the following prompt as a guide for our duties:

What do we want the Historic Village Center to look like 20 years from now?

Answering this prompt should incorporate answers to:

1. What theme do we want to use to give the Historic Village Center a sense of place? Delafield's Colonial Williamsburg theme was mentioned as a good example of how to visually unite a downtown.
2. Consideration for current structures (ie: industrial buildings) since those structures may likely be there 20 years in the future. Our outline for these sites can include A) general type of firm we feel fits the HVC and B) exterior aesthetic updates to beautify and give a common image to properties in the HVC.

These comments came about after some HVC Committee members expressed the feeling that the village should not be turning away prospective businesses from buying existing buildings simply because we don't like certain types (ie: auto body shops) operating in the village center.

3. How to physically link the HVC together. This is where we discussed the foot path between the trailhead area and the old bridge. Most members felt the trail was a solid project to link this eastern most landmark to the rest of the village center. (more on this project below.) This proposal will be discussed at the next Plan Commission meeting for their approval. If the item is approved, it will then go before the Village Board for their approval

General thoughts from our walk

1. Large garage doors that face the street/bike trail will have to be considered for any building re-facing/exterior remodeling. (should we try to eliminate them?)
2. Questions remain about the right-of-way next to the bike trail. What can we/can't we do here?
3. Foot path
 - remove the buckthorn
 - Wooded mulch footpath on the north side of the trail would connect the grassy area near the bike trail toilets to the bridge.
 - The concept of making a switch-back trail around the bridge footings was explored.
 - Groups that could potentially help out with this effort include the Master Gardeners of Waukesha County, Friends of the Glacial Drumlin Trail, Friends of the Ice Age Trail and the Boy Scouts. They could also be asked to help beautify other parts of the HVC.

Items going forward

1. Scott and Dee will flesh out the business survey before the next meeting.
2. We will evaluate the consumer survey at the next meeting.
3. Ongoing efforts regarding gaining approval for the footpath.