

MEETING MINUTES



PROJECT NAME: South Whitley Comprehensive Plan

PROJECT NUMBER: n13512

DATE: 10/28/2013

LOCATION: Steering Committee (SC1)

ATTENDING:

Attendees from South Whitley (15 Participants), Dave Sewell (Whitley County Planning); Eric Lucas (MKSK);
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REPORT:

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1. Introductions
2. The Comprehensive Plan – its needs and components, proposed planning process
 - MKSK presentation
3. Review of Previous Studies
 - MKSK presented summary recommendations from previous studies
 - 2008 Planning Study
 - 2012 Study [Community suggestions from October 15 Planning Commission]
 - Whitley on the Move Workplans
 - Break-Out Sessions
 - Facilitated discussions on 3 topics
 - Each topic – 10 minute discussion, 10 minute sharing
 - Topics
 - Topic 1: What are the most important things to consider?
 - Topic 2: What are your thoughts on the previous efforts?
 - Topic 3: What are the perceived challenges to realizing a vision? And how can we address them?
 - Feedback/Input from the participants
 - Lot of good ideas generated before but nothing happened
 - Learnt a lot from the previous exercises
 - Ready for action
 - What can we do to make South Whitley a more desirable, attractive, affordable community to live in
 - Next steps from the previous plans haven't happened
 - Enhance first impressions of the community – gateways
 - Keep small town atmosphere but be progressive
 - How to make this an attractive place to own and operate a business
 - Provide access to amenities in the school; outrageous prices to rent public facility; there is rental agreement for the school

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- What can we do to capitalize on what our schools offer
- We shouldn't limit ourselves
- Maintenance lacking after projects completed, eg. parks
- Need maintenance schedules
- Make sure we have funds and staff for maintenance
- Enhance storefronts in downtown, fill storefronts
- Create local jobs
- Perceived challenges – there is a group of committed people already but finding funding is challenging, labor, volunteers, space to hold classes & events
- Challenges – paying for whatever ideas we have
- Community involvement, participation and follow-up
- Lack of commitment focus – second steps