

HANOVER

SUSTAINABILITY MASTER PLAN

Meeting Notes

Date/Time: 04/26/2022; 5:00PM
Approved: 17 May 2022

Notes Taken By: Donny Goris-Kolb, Project Manager

Place: Town Hall; Virtual (Zoom)

Re: Hanover Sustainability Master Plan –
Advisory Committee Meeting

Attendance

Master Plan Advisory Committee

Elizabeth Esinhart - Chair
Jarett Berke
Brian Edwards
Paul Simon (via Zoom)
Eric Hryniewicz

Joanna Whitcomb
Yolanda Y. Baumgartner
Chris Kennedy

Town Staff

Robert Houseman, Director of Planning, Zoning, and Codes
Vicki Smith, Senior Planner

Consultants (VHB, via Zoom)

Donny Goris-Kolb, Project Manager
Ken Schwartz, Principal-in-Charge

Members of the Public

Nancy Carter

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1. VHB provided an update to the preliminary vision survey results.
 - As of 4/26/2022, 266 total responses were received.
 - Rob H. will be distributing a business card with a QR code linked to the survey and will be attending a few events to advertise the survey (e.g., Rotary Pancake Breakfast).
 - The closing of the survey will be extended from May 1, 2022 to May 8, 2022. [Completed]
 2. VHB presented an updated plan for the May 21, 2022 Development Solutions Workshop.
 - Presentation video should be kept short (no more than 20 minutes) and the video/virtual version should be even shorter. The video could be shared prior to the event.
 - Nancy C. - We need to acknowledge that people may not understand what development is – they often separate housing from the concept of development, limiting the latter to commercial/industrial growth.

- The Committee communicated a preference for holding the event indoors. Rob H. will be coordinating with the Middle School, High School (generally preferred), and Senior Center. The Committee would like the event to be within walking distance of the downtown core.
 - The Committee communicated a preference for holding the event in the late morning – between 11am and 1pm.
 - Rob H. is leaning toward the dot exercise.
 - The Committee communicated a concern that we may receive some push-back at the neighborhood level to any kind of development. Need to relay the problems of housing and climate change. Need to guide a conversation around “good growth” – accommodate additional development but within existing scales/styles.
 - Potential to focus on areas with water/sewer, but not shut the door open in all other areas.
 - The Committee will assist in gathering representative photos of development in town to supplement what VHB already has. VHB to provide a list of needs.
 - Vicki S. – People are averse to any changes to existing scales/style, but this change is already occurring (e.g., larger homes as a result of teardowns, renovations).
3. Minutes of April 12, 2022
- The minutes were reviewed and edits were made regarding who was/was not present via Zoom. Brian made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended. Yolanda seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment
- There was no public comment
5. Next Meeting
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17 at 5 PM. The Committee will review the presentation and materials to be used at the May 21 Development Solutions Workshop.
6. Adjourn
- Joanna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Eric. All voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM