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STEPS E3 Meeting Minutes

Monday, 11/27/23 (6:30 pm) by Zoom

Attendees: Ave Bauder, Karel Titus, Tom Bouchard, Phil Stannard, Deborah Puntenney, Theresa Lahr, Jan Quarles.

General Info / Reports (Ave)

- ❖ Creating Healthy Schools & Communities:
 - CHSC Quarterly meeting will be held on 11/28.
 - The Blender Bike was at the Health Fair in Seneca Falls and in Romulus at Makerspace Night.
 - (Theresa): Bench and biker rack to be installed near Ovid Firehall at part of CHSC's & "Complete Streets" program. Village of Ovid Assessment 12/11
- ❖ Willard Task Force: The SC Bd of Supervisors is now taking more control from the IDA. They will issue a Request for Expression of Interest. Deborah suggested Ave contacting Greg O'Donnell.

Sustainability (Karel)

- ❖ The Climate Smart Task Force will hold a workshop on dealing with climate change: December 6th at Lodi Library. This group will also hold a workshop about flood mitigation on January 17th.
- ❖ Karel reported on a meeting that took place on Oct 24 at Lodi Rod & Gun Club with food pantry leaders from Seneca County. Lodi Food 4 All pantry currently has 21 volunteers.

Reviews & Updates (Ave)

- ❖ On 11/14, the SC Board of Supervisors met at the Three Bears, where they had an "inaugural lift" in the new elevator. \$50K was given to the SC

- Chamber of Commerce for the ground floor of the Visitors Center's HQ, frequented by tourists.
- ❖ Camp Barton: Mike Reynolds, Covert Town Supervisor, is seeking \$20K for Town Covert for the development of that former Boy Scout camp on the western shore of Cayuga Lake in Covert. The Towns of Covert & Ulysses and Village of Trumansburg have formed an LDC to manage the project.
 - ❖ Interlaken's "Water Tower Park" (Theresa): Two retired development professionals from Interlaken, Janice Conrad & Kathy Schlather, are seeking grants. Tony is also on the fundraising committee; Janice chairs it. One of their grant applications was recently turned down by the Bonafiglia Family Foundation which will limit its funding to go to Seneca Falls for the remainder of 2023. That Foundation's main priorities are Parks and Public Space, Lifelong Learning and Economic Growth & Entrepreneurship; they're holding a workshop on January 19th at 9:30 am.
 - ❖ (Theresa): On Nov 15 (6:30-8 pm), at RISERS Quarterly Gathering at STEPS' office, Joe McGrath from SC Planning & Community Development Department presented findings from the county-wide housing needs assessment.
 - ❖ Phase V (Theresa): STEPS staff met with Hannah Castelli of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation, and consultants Alys Mann & Deborah Puntenney. STEPS staff were given a timeline for meeting with residents about sustaining STEPS activities beyond July 2025.

Upcoming Events / Action Items

Sat, Dec 2 (all day): Annual Ovid Winter Festival. From 10 am-4 pm, STEPS will offer warm-ups with hula-hoops, jump ropes, and hot cocoa at our office.

Th, Dec 7 (1:00 pm): The sponsor of STEPS, Pivotal, will hold its annual staff party at Christy's Corner Studio in Interlaken. We'll make mandalas.

Jan recommended liquid-less laundry detergent "Eco-sheets" to reduce the number of large plastic bottles. You can order them at www.earthbreeze.com .

Next E3 Meeting will be Monday, January 22, 2024 (6:30 pm) by Zoom.