

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Chesterland Master Plan Steering Committee**

held at Mayfield United Methodist Church  
at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2007

### **Committee Members:**

Present: Bill Laditka  
Ron Cotman  
Jack DeChellis  
Geraldine Fisco  
Jeff Huntsberger  
Tim Todaro

Absent: Tom Basista  
Bruce Becker  
Joe Mazzurco  
Bob Somrak

### **Proceedings:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman, Bill Laditka.

The meeting's agenda was read.

#### ***Minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2007***

Ron Cotman requested that the first agenda item in the last meeting's minutes be amended to read that only one former local business owner (Al Parker) volunteered furniture for the Front Porch. He also asked that under the fourth agenda item in issue 14 where it reads "Explore possible social practices for the township..." that the word "social" be removed.

#### ***First agenda item:***

The committee continued to review and make changes to the draft version of the Mission Statement and Cornerstone Principles. The goal is to finalize the document (pending further review and approval by all members) through email by next Thursday, October 18, when Bill Laditka will present it to the Board of Trustees in the Township Meeting. The document will then be submitted to Chesterland News to be published in the following week's paper.

It was also suggested that members could get feedback from the organizations they represent on the final version of the Mission Statement and Cornerstone Principles.

#### ***Second agenda item:***

In the last meeting, members were asked to decide on two ad hoc committees for which they would like to become the liaison. Geraldine Fisco suggested that maybe there could be more than one liaison in each ad hoc committee if more than one member is interested in a particular issue. Members present agreed with that idea. Current selections are as follows:

- *Issue 1 – Transportation*
  - Jack DeChellis
- *Issue 2 – Utilities*
- *Issue 3 – Government Liaison*
  - Jeff Huntsberger
- *Issue 4 – Zoning, Codes, Legal*
  - Jack DeChellis
  - Jeff Huntsberger
- *Issue 5 – Senior Adult & Youth Liaison*
  - Geraldine Fisco
- *Issue 6 – Architecture, Planning, Landscape*
  - Jack DeChellis
  - Bill Laditka
- *Issue 7 – Recreation, Parks*
  - Tim Todaro
- *Issue 8 – Civic Facilities, Township Departments Liaison*
  - Ron Cotman
  - Jack DeChellis
  - Tim Todaro
- *Issue 9 – Municipality vs. Township*
  - Tim Todaro
- *Issue 10 – Sustainability, Environment*
- *Issue 11 – Financial, Funding*
  - Geraldine Fisco
- *Issue 12 – Technology*
- *Issue 13 – Public Relations & Marketing*
- *Issue 14 – Social*
  - Jack DeChellis
  - Geraldine Fisco
- *Issue 15 – Past Studies*
  - Ron Cotman
- *Issue 16 – Historical Analysis*
- *Issue 17 – Natural Resources*
  - Jeff Huntsberger
- *Issue 18 – Economic Development*
- *Issue 19 – Land Use/Demographics*

***Third agenda item:***

The committee continued to discuss details of the upcoming community presentation. The date is currently set for November 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The preferred location is West Geauga High School, and Tim Todaro will check to see if it is available for use on that day. The tentative agenda includes one main presentation, followed by a public forum and individual ad hoc table discussions. Topics for the presentation include the committee's background, mission statement and cornerstone principles, and issues for the ad hoc committees. Ron Cotman requested that details of the presentation (once known) be discussed with the Board of Trustees.

***Fourth agenda item:***

For the next meeting, members should be prepared to discuss ideas for the community presentation.

***Other matters:***

Some topics that were brought up and discussed briefly:

- Find external funding possibilities such as the NOACA's TLCI grant.
- The township is in the process of finalizing the agreement on Dan Smith's tenant space, and hopefully the committee will be able to have its next meeting at the Front Porch.
- Jack DeChellis updated the Steering Committee on his Landscape Committee's project to create and beautify the "gateway" to Chesterland. The goal is to put up split rail fencing in some sections of Mayfield Road between County Line Road and Caves Road. The beautification of the "gateway" also includes planting trees and spotlighting. He mentioned that the committee has met with Hawken School, and it is very interested in being part of the project. Hawken School is also willing to put up a "Welcome to Chesterland" sign on its property. The Landscape Committee will next try to convince private homeowners to participate in the project. Bill Laditka suggested to Jack DeChellis the idea of finding a landscape architect to help form a landscaping plan and Al Parker's name was mentioned.

The meeting officially adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Administrative Assistant, S. Christine Gumal.