



Historic & Archeological Resources / Arts & Culture Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 19, 2023 – 3:00PM

Location: Remote via Zoom (pursuant to the Committee's Remote Meeting Policy)

Present: Ann Jackson (Lead), Mary Devlin (Member), Adam Jeffers (Member), Isabelle Oechsle (Consulting Planner)

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting began at 3:01pm.
2. **Review of Draft 1: Historic & Archeological Resources Inventory & Analysis:** Isabelle walked the group through the draft chapter related to Historic & Archeological Resources. Ann Jackson noted that the subcommittee had compiled additional buildings and sites for the inventory and that she would send any research or information available to Isabelle for incorporation. Mary Devlin asked why the Goals, Policies and Strategies section only focuses on SMART goals and not the more up-to-date SMART-ER goals, which incorporate evaluation and revision criteria and is commonly thought to be the best practice for long-range plans. Isabelle explained the history of incorporating SMART goals into the Plan, noting that the 2014 Plan's Goals, Policies and Strategies were not specific, measurable, or timely in most instances. After discussion by the group, Isabelle asked Mary to bring this point to the broader Comprehensive Plan Committee at the next meeting.

Ann Jackson noted that some potential actions or strategies that the subcommittee had discussed were: (1) doing a brochure about historic preservation generally for the benefit of the community; (2) seeking funding for a Museum in the Streets project. After discussion, the group also agreed that we should seek to include any indigenous information as well, including any policies or strategies that they might have separately. Isabelle noted that she would seek to find this information or someone to speak with.

3. **Review of Draft 1: Arts & Culture Inventory & Analysis:** Isabelle walked the group through the draft chapter related to Arts & Culture, reminding them that this is not a Topic Area specifically required through the State's Growth Management Act but one that the Committee decided to add based on survey results received thus far. Adam Jeffers noted that, broadly, residents like what is happening in this regard and want it to keep happening. It was discussed how we accomplish this. Suggestions were provided to review the Town's Land Use Ordinances: are we prohibiting arts and cultural events from occurring through existing land use or noise regulations? The group also suggested that a policy or strategy could be for the Chamber to create an Arts subcommittee and



that the Town could fund said subcommittee through the annual budget process. It was noted that the YMCA may have classes related to the arts, which Isabelle said she would look into.

4. Committee/Public Comment: Mary asked Isabelle to provide the Topic Areas in a way that the group could leave comments on next time rather than as pdfs.
5. Set next meeting date: The group agreed that they would review the results of a Doodle poll and would confirm the next meeting date via email. Note: the date was set for June 9th at 1pm.
6. Adjournment: Adjourned without objection at 4pm.