

Village of Mukwonago

DOWNTOWN STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of September 28, 2017

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson, Jason Wamser, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. located in the Board Room of the Mukwonago Municipal Building, 440 River Crest Ct.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Eric Brill  
Doug Bruins  
Tina Chitwood  
Diana Doherty  
Ray Gooden  
Sue Perkins  
April Reszka  
Jason Wamser, Chairman  
John Weidl  
Eliza Pautz

Members excused: Fred Winchowky  
Mark Penzkover  
Amanda Brissette(Alternate)

Also present: Bruce Kaniewski, Village Planner

**Minutes**

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2017 will be held at a later meeting

**Public Comments:**

Roger Walsh asked the committee if this "Visioning Exercise" would be the only time the group conducted this type? John Weidl responded there will be more opportunities for this type of procedure to take place.

**Unfinished Business:**

Dates of future meetings were confirmed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Meeting place will be at the Mukwonago Municipal Building, 440 River Crest Cr. At 6:00 p.m.

**New Business:**

Mukwonago's Village Planner, Bruce Kaniewski, led the group through a presentation summarizing many of the "previous" findings/actions of committees and boards from around 1997 to the present, 2017. His comments were prefaced by a summary using the Five Points of Good Urban Design by Kevin Lynch.

A "Downtown Visioning Exercise" was organized for those in attendance by John Weidl. As the group was divided into two, Jason Wamser and Sue Perkins recorded comments. Questions focused the groups as they were asked: In 10-20 years, what is your vision for the Downtown? What are the boundaries for Downtown? Strengths and Weaknesses of the current area were noted.

Summaries of the groups' remarks were presented by Eliza Pautz and Paul Hennessy.

Common Themes and Common Questions were noted by John Weidl with those in attendance adding information:

**Common Themes:**

- New that looks old/ uniformity
- Traffic/Safety
- Walkability/Destination
- Events/Cultural
- Connectivity to natural resource features (Vernon Marsch/ Mukwonago River)
- Historic Preservation

**Common Questions:**

- Where is downtown/edges?
- What is our brand?
- What landmarks are downtown?
- How to protect our Environment (Water/ Natural resources)?
- How does downtown connect?

**Public Comments:**

John Weidl asked those in attendance if the "Visioning Exercise" was beneficial. The group felt it appreciated having a "voice". The Committee and the "Public" interacted.

**Adjournment:**

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Perkins  
Secretary of DSPSC