

COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF DAMASCUS

Date: July 7, 2003

Location: Damascus Assembly of God Church
19070 SE Sunnyside Rd.

Meeting #: 58

Attendees: 18 (see roster for names)

Meeting will be recorded and minutes will be taken to abide by public policy. Any changes to the minutes should be given to the Secretary.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Dee Wescott, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Introductions: None

3. Action on Minutes of June 2, 2003:

Copies of the minutes were previously sent via regular mail or email. There were no corrections or comments.

Motion to approve minutes of June 2, 2003 made by Mike Hammons, seconded by Dan O'Dell and unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment:

Diana Lobo, Board Member-at-large, commented that she saw an announcement in the Sandy Outlook for a meeting of the Damascus Community Association (DCA) on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 pm at Deep Creek Elementary School and wondered if the Committee should reach out to this group if they were re-forming.

John Hartsock, Vice Chair, stated that Deep Creek is not open and therefore there could be no meeting. Dee Wescott said that the DCA was the same as the Damascus CPO before it became inactive and then reactivated with Barb Ledbury as current Chair. Joyce Schwer offered to call one of the co-chairs of the DCA to see if the meeting was an attempt to reactivate the DCA or just a mistake by the Outlook.

Burt Andersen mentioned that someone he and Becky talked to had attended the previous Boring CPO meeting and that this person wondered about the contentious feelings expressed between Boring and Damascus residents. There was some discussion of the historical differences between the communities and how it has been broadened perhaps by current differences in opinion on how to proceed with the coming growth--

fight how much growth is accepted by the area or accept the state mandate and do the best we can with it. Mike Hammons pointed out that when the communities talk about values and visions for the community, there are mostly agreements. The disagreement comes on how to retain those values and accomplish those visions. Since there has been very little communication with the Boring CPO of late, it is hard to tell where relations are at this point. However, John and Dee may see Les Otto, Boring CPO Chair, at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 8 at the Board of County Commissioners.

5. Communications:

Tim Giorgi, Public Information Chair, brought a trifold brochure sent to him by a lawyer in Oregon City stating that, "UGB is here! What you don't know can hurt you." He asked if it was something the Committee should address indirectly but immediately to head off the possibility of residents panicking or thinking the worst is imminent.

After discussion, it was decided that, since nothing she stated was inaccurate, that this was only the first of many such solicitations to come to take advantage of residents' fears and that the Observer nor the Firebreak are due to come out for at least two months, that the Committee would stay its course of disseminating well-researched, balanced and accurate information and hope that a majority of residents will look to the Committee for the facts.

The only hyped fact that was valid, Dee Wescott commented, was that anyone whose property is accessed by Hwy. 212 directly should begin to take steps to protect their access rights before ODOT gets too far along in planning for the future. ODOT can cut off anyone's access to the highway (since it is a state highway) if improvements to the highway necessitates fewer access points and if there is another road the property has access to. It would likely be up to the property owner to carve the alternate access way to the other road.

6. Treasurer's Report:

Dee Wescott reported in the absence of John Fromwiller, Treasurer, that the account currently holds \$381.09 in assets but has \$130.61 in liabilities so has total equity of \$250.48.

7. Sub-Committee Meetings:

a. Public Safety/Services--Joyce Schwer, Secretary, stated that there have been no recent meetings of the subcommittee but that each member is working on writing a final report for their topic. Format for these final reports needs to be determined.

b. Planning--John Hartsock explained that the purple and yellow handouts listed the answers of participants of the Community Representatives (CRs) Summer Workshop to two queries: reasons for attending and values statements. This list was compiled by Kirstin Greene of Cogan Owens Cogan (COC) and COC will categorize them for easier analysis. The final document will be copied and sent to participants by Diana Lobo.

Mike Hammons has the name of the president of the Orchard Lake Homeowners Association who is willing to be a CR for her area. Diana Lobo will contact her.

Diana Lobo reported that the Summer Workshop was very successful with full participation except for area #10. Mike Hammons offered to take the list of people in this area and call to find someone willing to be the CR for this area. She explained that there was not enough room in the Observer to print the map of the study area with area boundaries but Julie Wagner, Editor of the Observer, will ensure it gets into the October issue with the accompanying name and number list of CRs. Diana reported that the bulk mail permit has been approved. She will find out how much it will cost and confer with John Fromwiller, Treasurer.

Mike Hammons will check to see what format the original file of area boundaries for residents living within the corrected UGB study area was in, so John can forward it to Metro. It will make mailings and future communications easier.

c. Public Works--Dave Rouse, Public Works Chair, is in Bangkok (or was it Budapest?!), Randy Shannon had no further comment on work being done and Ernie Platt mentioned that the water FAQs should be cleaned up in the next couple of days. They will be sent to Tim who will put them up on the website and information from them can be used in the teaser FAQs being compiled by Chuck Kisselburg.

d. Public Information

- 1. Listserver**--Tim Giorgi, Public Information Chair, reported that the July newsletter will go out this week, prior to the Pub 212 BBQ Burnout and Damascus Day in the Park. Articles will highlight each of those events.

The listserver, a way of communicating online with a group of people by sending a message via a website address instead of a group on one's own computer, is up and running. Overall it has been successful and will serve the Committee well. However, it has caused some ruffled feathers from CRs or Committee members who were not interested in receiving more than formal announcements. To make matters worse, responses to an informal message also went to everyone on the list.

To remedy the situation, Tim will create two lists, one formal for business announcements only, and one informal for a variety of communications. He will apprise the CRs and Committee members of this change, and that if they would like to be added to the informal list to notify him. He will also add an automatic reply command to the formal list so that responses only go to the sender, who can decide whether the responses need to be shared with everyone. Future additional lists may include Steering Committee members or any configuration needed.

- 2. Pub 212 BBQ Burnout**--Tim continued that the Burnout is Saturday, July 12, 2003 starting at 2:00 pm. The Committee's booth needs to be set up at 12:00 and people are needed to staff it throughout the day. Dan O'Dell, Finance

Chair, suggested that someone arrive early in the morning when the BBQ competitors arrive to stake out a good location for the booth. Tim offered to do this.

It was decided that tables and easels will be provided by the Boring Fire Dept., mounted displays from last year' Day in the Park booth that are still relevant will be used again (probably 2), a new mounted aerial topographic map of the study area with neighborhood boundaries will be completed by Diana, Diana will make copies of the mini FAQs and water FAQs, John will make copies of the growth implementation timeline to address the length of time it will take to see and accomplish extensive growth in the area and copies of the Damascus history brochure will be brought as well. T-shirts will be sold and worn by members. Dan will make a poster of financial need.

- 3. Damascus Day in the Park--**Tim concluded that the booth for DDITP will have a similar set up as the BBQ booth, with these exceptions: no handouts will be brought or T-shirts sold and a values/visioning kid's game will need to be created to comply with the wishes of the DDITP Committee. Greg Dardis volunteered to create the kids' game. Sign-up sheets for information, donations or T-shirts are ok as is a survey. To do a survey, however, the Committee needs to define what information it wants to gather from the community. Tim suggested this be discussed in detail on-line. John suggested Kirstin Greene be asked what type of information she thought might be helpful at this point and what way would be most effective to gather it? Stick-on nametags will be worn by Committee members, as will T-shirts.

e. Finance--Dan O'Dell reported that he has completed the revenue needs assessment document for the Committee for the Future of Damascus and the Committee for the Incorporation of Damascus, which will be responsible for getting the vote out on the incorporation ballot measure should that come to pass next year. The bottom line is that there is an approximately \$45,000 deficit for the CFD and \$50,000 for the CTID.

Dan will be submitting reimbursables for the past six months to the MHEA by Monday, July 14, so all community outreach expenses should be sent to him by then with receipts and explanation of purchases. Also required is a mid-year report due at the end of July to be drafted with John Fromwiller. Dan added that there is another grant proposal for a different grant due at the end of July that he will submit.

Dee explained that Sunrise Water Authority's Board has authorized \$35,000 in matching funds to accomplish the financial feasibility study. Along with the \$15,000 grant from MHEA, which was contingent upon finding the matching funds, the Committee should have enough to complete the study. The use of leftover funds, if any, is yet to be determined by both parties. Mechanics of money flow to be determined.

Dan added that the BBQ Burnout could gain the Committee anywhere between \$1000 - 3000 in donations. It was unknown if the Committee is required to issue 1099 forms for donations. Speaking of donations, Diana Lobo's husband donated \$200 and Burt and Becky Andersen \$100 tonight. WOW!!! Thank you!

Dee explained that the Board met with two legal firms and chose Jordan Schrader to be the Committee's legal counsel. Though the work will be done pro bono, Andy Jordan asked for out of pocket expenses not exceeding \$2000 to be reimbursed. He will attempt to find and secure funding through grants for the remainder of expenses at his own risk. Among other things, Jordan Schrader will provide a roadmap and timeline for filing needs of a potential incorporation ballot measure for the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee will wait to vote to approve Jordan Schrader as legal counsel until after the scope of work has been submitted to the Committee.

Ernie Platt, Board Member-at-large, reported that he and Mike Hammons will explore interest from the development community for donations to the CTID which will be a political action committee (PAC) as soon as it advocates for a yes vote on the incorporation ballot measure and will be in need of funds to get out the vote.

f. Executive Committee--John Hartsock reported that the pink handout is the latest copy of the Damascus Firehouse Study Group MOU. There still needs to be a few items negotiated, like the logistics of revenue sharing, but it is on its way to being signed by all members, perhaps at the next meeting in September.

John also reported that the joint survey with Happy Valley is the topic of a meeting this week with himself, Happy Valley and Cogan Owens Cogan. The survey should be completed by October.

Discussion turned to the latest version of the MOU between the County/Metro and the CPOs and the Committee, a green handout. John explained the changes and most were accepted. There was concern voiced over the exclusion of "...in ways that preserve the core values of the community.", page 2 in #2 of the "Now therefore" section. The issue was that removing that idea from the document due to a conflict over which core values to use makes less sense than keeping in a sound idea and fine-tuning it at a later date. The greater fear was that the MOU is slowly being pecked to death.

However, since the MOU is not legally binding and the overall intent of the MOU is still to include the Committee's, the CPOs and the residents at a level not seen previously in the State, that it was a document worth supporting. John and Dee have a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners Tuesday, 9:30, and will get one step closer to completing the MOU.

The unknown answer is what will happen to the MOU if one of the participants does not sign (like the Boring CPO)? It may be possible for the Boring CPO to act as its own entity and the other CPOs and the Committee act as a separate entity. It will be the decision of the BCC and Metro. How that would translate throughout the core values process is another unknown. The concept plan will be planned for the entire area so large-scale issues like transportation and sewer will be provided economically and logically. It was decided that the final draft would be sent through the new legal counsel for review.

8. Old Business:

a. What do we want Damascus to be?

The vision question is left on the agenda to remind all members to continue to think about it.

9. New Business (*Action Item):

a. *Approval of County MOU for Committee for Public Involvement--postponed until the final copy is obtained and is reviewed by Jordan Schrader.

10. Open Agenda:

11. Executive Session: None

12. Adjournment

Actions Decided:

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Actions Pending:

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