Community Plan Meeting 5 Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions- [Sharon Lamott , Staff- Tina Belge, Colin Young (Parks and Recreation)]
   6:03pm
2. Trees Greenville
   a. Joelle Teachey, Executive Director of Trees Greenville, spoke about the upcoming neighborhood planting project. Five neighborhoods were chosen (including Monaghan) and the plantings of 15 trees will take place on the 17th.
3. Community Officer Report & Questions
   a. Officer Wes Kilgore spoke briefly about contacting gcso.org with any reports of crime neighbors might have, in response to Sharon’s inquiry of repeated car break-ins in the neighborhood.
   b. He also spoke about the incident at the Lofts where a car rammed into 6 vehicles. They believe they have the culprit in custody, also said he would look into getting the street lights that dead end on McBeth looked into for improved safety.
4. Recreation Presentation
   a. Tina Belge, Long Range Planner from Greenville County, started the presentation with a recap on last meeting’s Transportation topic and the importance of recreation within the natural resources element of the community plan.
   i. United Futbol Club (Furman Region)
      1. Coach Martin spoke about the league and its growth since its inception in 2000. They operate all over Anderson and Oconee County as well. They have an academy and participate in tournaments. At the Monaghan Park the field is used for UFC exclusively for recreation purposes. It is non-competitive.
      2. He spoke about the desire for this to improve the community, bringing in the economic impact of youth sports as well as the positive change in the youth’s lives, particularly those 8-12 in Monaghan who they’ve seen rise in participation.
      3. In addressing traffic issues they have spaced out games and Heritage Church also suggested parking in their lot for overflow. Coach Martin offered to share the schedule with the neighborhood.
   ii. Parks, Recreation, and Tourism
      1. Colin Young, Park and Development Planner, spoke about the improvements that have been made in Monaghan Park, from lighting, parking, new bathroom roof, and steps as well as future developments
1. Like increasing parking by 20 more spots, and bathroom improvements. Erosion control is also part of the plan going forward.

2. There was some discussion of benches being installed however; crime and safety were brought up as a possible issue in result of loitering spaces such as benches.

3. Swamp Rabbit Extension was also discussed, with the most likely connection presented crossing off of the back of Haynesworth across Duke Energy property around the Lofts pond, to connect to the trail and Heritage Park (see below). The group explored cleanup projects with Park Heroes to clean up the area as well as fundraisers with the Lofts and Parker to jump start the connection.

5. Parker Fire District
   a. Wayne Murphy spoke briefly about their education campaign on cooking fires this time of year as well as their smoke alarms blitz they are doing across the county.

6. Next Meeting
   a. March 19th at 6pm @ Heritage Church

7. Dismissal
   a. @ 7:45 PM